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McLaren honored as Otsego Educator of the Year

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Shannon McLaren has been a fixture for Otsego Public Schools for nearly three decades.

And in recognition of her unwavering dedication to the district's students during that time, McLaren was named Otsego's Educator of the Year for 2025.

The Otsego-Plainwell Area Chamber of Commerce presents the award.

According to McLaren, who currently serves as Student Success Coordinator at Washington Street Elementary, her favorite part of being an educator is watching students grow and learn in all areas of their lives.

"I love connecting and collaborating with staff and families to guide and support students," she said. "Not just academically, but socially and emotionally as well.

"For me, it's about building meaningful relationships, helping students navigate challenges, and knowing that I've made a positive impact on their lives."

McLaren has been with OPS for the past 28 years. Prior to her time as Student Success Coordinate—for which she is in her fourth year—she was in the classroom. In addition to teaching math at Otsego Middle School, she taught fourth grade at Alamo Elementary before teaching fifth grade at Washington Street.

"I was truly shocked and deeply honored to learn that I received the Educator of the Year award," McLaren said. "This recognition means so much to me, and I feel incredibly grateful to work alongside such dedicated colleagues, amazing students and a supportive community."

Washington Street principal Jennifer Knight as had the opportunity to work closely with McLaren the past several years and as seen the genuine care that McLaren has for students.

"Shannon's commitment extends far beyond the walls of her office or her job description," Knight said. "She works tirelessly to meet both the academic and emotional needs of our students, ensuring that every child feels supported, valued, and capable of success.

Shannan McLaren (center) was named 2025 Otsego Educator of the Year. She is flanked by Washington Street principal Jennifer Knight (left) and OPS superintendent Christie Robinson.

"Whether she's stepping into classrooms, leading small groups, mentoring students one-on-one, or coordinating school-wide initiatives, Shannon approaches each task with compassion, expertise, and an unwavering dedication to helping students thrive."

Outside the classroom, McLaren also spent 14 years coaching middle school and high school students in various sports, including basketball, volleyball, softball and track.

McLaren said her time at Otsego has been "incredibly rewarding", but Knight and others around McLaren say she is a gift to the district.

"There is truly no job Shannon won't do to support our school community," Knight said. "She is a trusted colleague, a fierce advocate for children and a pillar of Washington Street Elementary.

"Her ability to build strong relationships, nurture resilience in students, and collaborate seamlessly with staff embodies the very heart of what it means to be an educator."

Knight further described McLaren as "a servant leader whose endless care makes a lasting difference every single day."

While McLaren was the one who received the award, she credited her colleagues with creating an environment that's conducive to helping students thrive.

"I am so thankful for the wonderful people I work with every day at OPS," she said. "Their dedication, support, and passion make our school a truly special place, and I feel lucky to be part of such an incredible team."

Damick receives Educator of the Year honors for Plainwell Schools

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Evan at a young age, Heather Damick felt like she had a calling.

"Early on, I knew I wanted a career teaching and supporting children in some capacity," she said. "My first job was a lifeguard for our local pool and the best part of my job—outside of getting paid to swim laps—was teaching swimming lessons.

"Then, during my senior year, I had a placement in a second-grade classroom where I tutored, developed lessons and was mentored by an amazing educator."

For the past 12 years, Damick's passion for teaching has been on full display at Plainwell Middle School.

And for her committed service to the district and its students, Damick was named as the recipient of the Plainwell Educator of Year, an award distributed by the Otsego-Plainwell Area Chamber of Commerce.

"Receiving this award means a tremendous amount to me because I know what caliber of teachers I work with at Plainwell," Damick said. "So many amazing educators are deserving of this award, so standing out among them feels even more momentous."

Damick was in a professional development meeting on a Friday morning when she received an email from Plainwell Community Schools superintendent Matthew Montange informing her of the award.

"I just sat in disbelief and awe for a few moments before texting my husband and best friend," she said. "I don't think I stopped smiling for the whole weekend."

Plainwell Middle School teacher Heather Damick (center) was named the district's Educator of the Year. PCS superintendent Matthew Montange (left) and PMS principal Ben Manting are pictured with her. (Photo provided)

Plainwell Middle School principal Ben Manting nominated Damick for the honor.

"I feel incredibly thankful to be surrounded by amazing educators who continue to inspire and encourage me daily," Damick said. "I am also thankful for Ben Manting for recognizing my talents and recommending me for this award."

Damick has been a teacher for 18 years, with all but the first of those at the middle school level. She started off at Kalamazoo Public Schools before coming to PMS in the science department.

In addition to her work in the classroom—which includes creating a new forensic science class last summer—Damick is heavily involved in National Junior Honor Society. In fact, she, along with fellow PMS teacher Maria Noto Cassada, were responsible for starting the local chapter at PMS more than a decade ago.

"We wanted to provide our top academic students with opportunities to develop leadership skills and serve their community," Damick said. "This group is important to me because I want to inspire students to look beyond themselves and see opportunities to help those in their community and beyond.

"These opportunities impact their view of the world and I hope that they continue to find ways to support those around them once they leave middle school. I love seeing so many of our previous members have been inducted into NHS."

Damick has also presented at the Michigan Science Teachers Association Conference several times and developed a scientific writing course with Edupath, an online professional development platform for the state of Michigan.

Her presentations at the MSTA Conference revolved around increasing student engagement and purposeful science discussions. The course for Edupath, "Scientific Argumentation - Implementation Strategies to Support All Learners, was designed "to encourage and support science teachers who would like to support students of all abilities to become more fluent scientific writers."

"When presenting and developing the Edupath course, my goal was to provide meaningful strategies that teachers could directly implement into their classrooms," Damick said. "There are countless opportunities for ELA and mathematics, but high-quality professions development for science is not as readily available.

"These sessions are my way of giving back and sharing my knowledge and expertise with others. One of my professional goals is to continue to lead more professional development and pass on my knowledge to the next generation of teachers, just as people have done for me.

"I have had some amazing educators such as Dawn Kahler and Marty Green who shared their passion for science and continue to inspire my professional growth. I want to do the same for others."

Human remains found in Otsego Twp. 'Welfare Check'

By Elizabeth Ferszt
Contributing Writer

Allegan County authorities encountered a grisly discovery at the 600 block of Lincoln Ave. (Hwy 89), heading east into the village of Otsego last week. During a routine welfare check, possibly for a missing person, human remains were allegedly found at the home.

According to reporting from Fox 17 News, "Michigan State Police troopers responded to a welfare check and a missing person complaint on Nov. 12. When they arrived, they found what they believe are human remains."

Allegan County Sheriff Office was then called, as well as the MSP forensic lab in Grand Rapids, and Anthropologists from Western Michigan University.

However, according to an email from ACSO Sgt. Ben Haas, on Monday Nov. 17, "the Sheriff's Office does not have any (further) involvement in his case"—they referred the ACN to MSP Wayland Post.

According to officers at the MSP Wayland Post, in a phone call on Nov. 17, there is no further update other than what they posted to X (formerly Twitter), last week: "Authorities returned to the scene today for further evidence collection and additional investigation. Preliminary information reveals that the remains of only one unknown individual were discovered."

"Note: It is MSP's policy to 'treat all suspicious death investigations as a homicide' until forensics and autopsy examinations prove otherwise. This is an ongoing investigation and this [is] the last update until positive identification and manner of death are known."

"If you have any info about this incident, please call the [MSP] Wayland Post at 269-792-2213."

The ACN also attempted to contact forensic anthropologist Dr. Michelle Hrivnyak, who is a faculty specialist within the Institute for Intercultural and Anthropological Studies (IIAS) at Western Michigan University. She typically teaches ANTH 2510: Forensic Anthropology. Hrivnyak did not respond.

An autopsy was performed on Friday Nov. 14, ostensibly by Dr. Patrick Hansma, the Medical Examiner of Allegan Co. Hansma is also on faculty at WMU Stryker School of Medicine where he teaches Forensic Pathology. Hansma also did not respond to requests for comment or updates.

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CWD found in Leighton Twp doe

The first case of chronic wasting disease (CWD) in a wild deer in Allegan County has stirred concerns among the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The confirmation came after an emaciated doe showing symptoms of the neurological disorder was reported by Leighton Township residents and subsequently tested positive for chronic wasting disease, as per the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

With Allegan marking the 17th county in Michigan to report a chronic wasting disease-positive wild deer, the presence of this disease in the region is a growing concern. The poor condition of the 1.5-year-old doe, lacking any body fat, was a telltale sign of her affliction.

Brent Rudolph, a DNR deer, elk and moose management specialist, underscored the role of public vigilance, stating, "The care that's demonstrated when people take the time to share their observations is a critical contribution to our disease-testing efforts." The doe's test was initially confirmed by the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, with additional verification from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Veterinary Services Laboratory according to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

This incident puts a spotlight on the chronic wasting disease, a fatal disease affecting cervids like deer, elk, and moose, which has been detected in various other Michigan counties. Despite focused chronic wasting disease surveillance in 2021 where approximately 500 deer were tested in Allegan County with no positives, the appearance of CWD in a wild deer highlights the ongoing challenge of disease management, as noted by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Given the disease poses significant risks to wildlife, hunters and residents are encouraged to report sick deer and take advantage of free chronic wasting disease self-sample submission kits provided by the DNR for testing. Particularly, deer that are emaciated, seem disoriented, or show any unusual behavior are candidates for chronic wasting disease testing, which is also vital for identifying the disease in areas previously undetected. In 2025, expanded testing is available across the state, with select counties like Baraga, and Mackinac under focused surveillance as outlined by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Out-of-control cement truck strikes vehicles, no serious injuries

No one was seriously hurt after a cement truck overturned on US-131 on Monday in Allegan County.

The crash happened just before noon on northbound US-131 at 142nd Avenue in Dorr.

The Allegan County Sheriff's Office said there was already a traffic backup in the area due to other construction.

The northbound cement truck lost control, struck other vehicles and then overturned as it approached the backed-up traffic, the sheriff's office said.

Only minor injuries were reported, authorities said.

Supremes side with city vs. floating homes

By Scott Sullivan

The Michigan Supreme Court Nov. 14 denied hearing a Dune Ridge, SA LLP request to overturn a state appeals court judgment upholding the City of Saugatuck's right to regulate — and possibly remove — four floating homes placed three years ago next to the west Chain Ferry landing.

City council was slated to go into a closed session at its Wednesday, Nov. 19 workshop to discuss a settlement with the developer.

The challenge stemmed from a July 18, 2019 property transfer by the city to Dune Ridge, whose principal Paulus Heule bought the 130-acre Presbyterian Camps for $10 million from the Presbytery of Chicago in 2014.

Heule, head of the Grand Rapids-based international property management and investment firm Eenhoorn, LLC, has since has developed the 21 high-end home Dune Grass development fronting Lake Michigan just south of Oval Beach.

The parcel's east edge fronts on the Kalamazoo River, north of the chain ferry where he docked the floating homes in 2022 illegally, claimed the city.

The vessels have sat unoccupied since then, while suits and countersuits between the two ensued.

The appellate court June 12 affirmed an Allegan County Circuit Court Roberts Kengis's July 3, 2023 ruling that the agreement between the city and Dune Ridge did not prohibit the city from regulating floating homes.

The court also held that the city was immune from claims that it acted negligently or made misrepresentations in connection with the agreement.

Although a few issues remain to be resolved in the case, including the legality of a privacy wall built by Dune Ridge between its property and the chain ferry dock, the decision paves the way for removing the floating homes from their current location.

"This litigation, said city attorney John Brennan of Fahey Schulz Burzych Rhodes PLC, has been a difficult journey for the city."

"But we are pleased," added mayor Holly Anderson. "that the decision reflected our resolve to stand by our ordinance and city's right and obligation to assure that shoreline uses are safe."

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TIPS FOR SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES THIS SEASON

As the holiday season approaches, many communities are encouraging shoppers to think local. Supporting small businesses not only strengthens the local economy but also preserves the character and vitality of downtown districts. From neighborhood shops and restaurants to local artisans and service providers, every purchase made close to home makes a meaningful impact.

Shopping locally keeps money circulating within the community. Studies show that for every dollar spent at a local business, a larger share stays in the local economy compared to purchases made at national chains or online retailers. That money supports local jobs, funds community programs through taxes, and helps small business owners reinvest in improvements that benefit everyone.

Personal service is another advantage of shopping local. Independent shop owners and staff often know their customers by name, understand their preferences, and provide tailored recommendations. Many also source products from other local makers and farms, ensuring that the benefits of each sale ripple throughout the area.

Convenience and variety are also part of the appeal. Local stores often carry unique items that cannot be found elsewhere—from handmade goods and specialty foods to custom gifts and décor. Farmers markets and craft fairs provide opportunities to meet the people behind the products and learn the stories that make them special.

Shoppers can make a difference simply by planning ahead. Setting aside one or two days each season to visit local shops, restaurants, and service providers helps keep dollars close to home. Gift cards from local businesses also make excellent presents, encouraging others to explore neighborhood stores they might not visit otherwise.

Dining out locally is another easy way to contribute. Independent restaurants, cafés, and bakeries depend on community support to thrive. Choosing to eat local not only sustains jobs but also helps preserve regional flavors and traditions that give a community its identity.

Even small actions matter. Sharing positive reviews online, following businesses on social media, and recommending local favorites to friends all help boost visibility. Participating in community shopping events such as "Small Business Saturday" or local holiday markets provides further support and strengthens local connections.

Shopping locally is more than an economic choice—it's a way to invest in the future of one's own community. By supporting local entrepreneurs and celebrating homegrown talent, residents help ensure their towns remain vibrant, welcoming, and uniquely their own.

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Good Shepherd's pop-up community lunch fills the hall

By Gari Voss & R. Parker

Church members and community walk-ins alike came together at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd's Winchester Hall in Allegan on Friday, November 14, 2025, for a pop-up community pot roast luncheon. The launch looks to become a monthly feature with the next lunch scheduled for Tuesday, December 9th.

The meal, prepared by Meals on Wheels of Western Michigan, featured roast beef and all the trimmings— and best of all, the chance to socialize with no dishes to do afterwards.

The federally funded Meals on Wheels program, established in the 1970s, has long featured home-delivered meals to shut in senior citizens. In addition, the program also serves at established regular meals sites, including two in Allegan County— Monday through Friday at Baraga Manor in Otsego and Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Hopkins United Methodist Church.

"The pop-up sites, such as the recent lunch at Good Shepherd, are another opportunity to help furnish meals to people rather than having people travel to the meals," said Christa Nesky, Community Programs Assistant Manager. "The meals are prepared in Grandville and transported to the church, where they can be heated and served up.

"Good Shepherd's central location in downtown Allegan, as well as its commercial kitchen, make the hall an appealing site for possibly monthly meals," Nesky added.

Church members Ann Stough and Ardy Ballard said the program would be a welcome addition to the church's other ministries, especially as winter approaches in these times of food insecurity for many people.

The Meals on Wheels program established a $5 fee per meal for those under 60, or a suggested donation of $3.50 for people 60 or older— but no one is turned away, regardless of ability to pay, Stough and Ballard emphasized.

"Truthfully, if you can't afford it, come anyway," Stough said.

Meals on Wheels Community Programs Assistant Manager Krista Nesky takes a moment after preparing for the Meals on Wheels Pop Up Lunch at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Allegan on Fri., Nov. 14, 2025. Diners enjoyed a lunch that included pot roast, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots and a banana. The Pop Up Lunch will be a monthly event during the second week of each month. All are welcome to enjoy lunch and conversation. Photo: R. Parker

"You'll get a nice meal and be able to visit," Ballard added.

Among the 17 diners on Friday were two Grand Junction residents who had visited the church to inquire about Christmas programs and were invited to stay for lunch. They praised the menu and the generous servings and said they'd encourage others to visit at future events.

The church has long hosted a Community Closet, with free gently-used clothing for all ages; the Baby Closet, with layettes for newborns; and the Santa Shop, which offers Christmas gifts for under $2.00; plus supporting other community outreach programs like the Allegan Food Pantry and the food drives organized for the Allegan County Food Cooperative and coordinated by the Allegan County Community Foundation (ACCF).

Kilbourn sentenced to 57 months to 10 years for Otsego park fire

A man was sentenced Monday for his role in starting a fire at the Northside Park playground in Otsego in September.

Judge Matthew Antkoviak sentenced 37-year-old Michael Kilbourn, of Otsego, to 57 months to 10 years in prison.

On Oct. 13, Kilbourn pleaded guilty to third-degree arson at a plea hearing. In exchange, a judge agreed to drop his other charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor and habitual offender fourth offense.

Allegan County Senior Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Kati Hoekstra said on Sept. 2, the day of the park fire, Kilbourn missed sentencing for another one of his cases involving breaking and entering a building with intent.

Kilbourn was sentenced for multiple cases on Monday, in addition to third degree arson:

- Breaking and entering a building with intent - 47 months to 15 years in prison
- Malicious destruction of property - 6 months
- Stolen property - 47 months to 7 years

"Over 20 times you have had some interaction with the criminal justice system," Antkoviak said. "That suggests to the court that you are incapable of controlling your behaviors or you just simply don't care."

"The arson case is what is really incomprehensible to me, and really I fail to understand under the circumstances what would have possessed an individual to do something like that," Antkoviak said.

A week after the fire, Kilbourn turned himself in to the Allegan County Jail on other outstanding warrants.

He admitted to a judge during his hearing that he set the park on fire willingly and maliciously.

Kilbourn's nephew was also charged with third-degree arson, though his name will not be released as he is a minor, according to the Allegan County Sheriff's Office.

The nephew admitted he started the fire with his uncle, who told him they were going to "burn something," court records detailed.

When the pair got to the park, Kilbourn pulled out several pieces of clothing from a backpack and told his nephew to stuff them between the wooden play structure.

The nephew told investigators he did what he was told because he was afraid of his uncle, according to documents.

He said Kilbourn handed him a torch and told him to light the clothes on fire, documents detailed.

"I went to Northside Park around midnight and I took clothes and stuffed it in the park, and I instructed a minor to set it on fire and then left the park," Kilbourn said.

During Monday's sentencing hearing, Kilbourn's defense attorney argued he has mental health and substance abuse issues.

Kilbourn apologized for his actions during the hearing.

"I know what I did was wrong, and I am sorry for that," Kilbourn said. "I do have a problem with the way I think and I do need help."

The city has filed an insurance claim and does plan to rebuild the portion of the park impacted by the fire at the beginning of next year.

Do you need help? Write Us!

By Mike Wilcox Owner/Publisher

Every year, as the Christmas season draws near, I'm reminded just how generous our communities can be. For nearly two decades, Wilcox Newspapers has hosted what's become one of my favorite traditions: our Annual Christmas Wish Program.

It started simply enough. We asked readers who were struggling to write in and tell us what would make their Christmas a little brighter. The idea was to connect local families in need with local people who wanted to help. Over the years, it's grown into something truly special—and this year, we're doing it again.

Lately, I've heard from more families than ever who are struggling to make ends meet. The rising cost of everyday necessities, from groceries and gas to rent and utilities, has stretched household budgets thin. It's been a tough year for a lot of people, and many are finding themselves in need of a little extra help just to get by.

If you or your family are going through a difficult time, I encourage you to write to us and be as specific as you can. Tell us about your situation, your family, and how we might help make your holiday a little brighter. Most importantly, explain why you need our help. We prefer you email us at wilcoxnewspapers@gmail.com, but if you don't have access to a computer, you can always mail a letter to P.O. Box 189, Allegan, MI 49010.

Over the years, I've been amazed at the generosity that pours in from our readers and advertisers. One afternoon, while vacuuming our new office, I noticed an envelope on the floor. Inside were ten $100 bills—no note, no name, just a quiet act of kindness from someone who wanted to help. Another time, a donor sent $2,000. Several more gave $1,000 each. For a Scrooge like me, it's humbling to see just how deeply people here care for one another.

Last year alone, we were able to raise more than $20,000 in cash and gifts, helping over 70 families enjoy the holidays. This year, our goal is even higher. We hope to assist at least 100 families within our circulation areas.

I've always believed in the saying, "We take care of our own," and nowhere is that truer than in the communities we serve. So, if you legitimately need help this Christmas, and I stress LEGITIMATELY, please reach out to us. And if you're in a position to give, know that your generosity can change someone's holiday, and maybe their outlook on life, for the better.

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Community Events

EVENTS TO WATCH FOR!

November Holiday Canned Food Drive to Nov. 21: Hosted by Beacon Allegan and Beacon Plainwell. Drop off cans of food or money at the hospital for the Allegan County Food Pantries.

Wed., Nov. 19, 2025, 6:30pm: Calkins Dam Discussion. Allegan H.S. Conference Center M-40 Allegan

Thurs., Nov. 20, 2025, 12-3pm: Allegan County Child Support Bench Warrant Clinic. 1st Baptist Church 1290 32nd St. Allegan

Thurs., Nov. 20, 2025, 5pm: Tree of Love Lighting & Open House. Allegan Beacon Hospital 555 Linn St. Allegan

Sat., Nov. 22, 2025, 9am-2pm: Candy Cane Lane Holiday Bazaar. First Congregational Church 323 Cutler St. Allegan

Sat., Nov. 22, 2025, 2-5pm: Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Good Shepherd Church 101 N. Walnut Allegan

Sat., Nov. 22, 2025, 5:30pm: Loaves & Fishes Concert. First Methodist Church 212 S. Park St. Kalamazoo

CURRENT EVENTS

Wed., Nov. 19, 2025, 6:30pm: Calkins Dam Discussion

Allegan H.S. Conference Center M-40 Allegan

Converse with Consumers Energy and Confluence Hydro about the future of the Calkins Dam.

Wed., Nov. 19, 2025, 6:30pm: Pub Quiz

Tantrick Brewing Co Hubbard St. Allegan

Begin registering teams at 5:30 then enjoy friendly competition led by the Allegan Library staff. Library cards bring extra points.

Thurs., Nov. 20, 2025, 9am-3pm: Advocacy Bootcamp

Allegan High School Conference Center Western Ave. (M-89/M-40) Allegan

Gain tools, strategies and confidence to advocate for your organizations. Applications were due Oct. 17th. Contact Lauren at lvanderploeg@alleganfoundation.org or (269) 673-8344 x209

Thurs., Nov. 20, 2025, 12-3pm: Allegan County Child Support Bench Warrant Clinic

1st Baptist Church 1290 32nd St. Allegan

Bring proof of income if employed, cash only payment, and proof of disability of appropriate, and work with Friend of the Court staff to find steps to resolve delinquent payments. For more information, call 877 543-2660.

Thurs., Nov. 20, 2025: Library Fun

Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan

10:30am: Preschool Storytime – 3-5 yr. olds can enjoy stories and activities.

3:30pm: Tween STEAM Club – 4-7 graders can register to learn about simple science with lights, batteries and Squishy Circuits. Call 269 673-4625

Thurs., Nov. 20, 2025, 5pm: Tree of Love Lighting & Open House

Allegan Beacon Hospital 555 Linn St. Allegan

The Borgess Hospital Foundation, Beacon Allegan Hospital invite everyone to join the lighting of the magnificent tree whose lights represent loved ones who have faced cancer. The program and refreshments will allow for conversation and memories. Contributions from individuals and sponsors can be made by contacting 269-226-8100.

Thurs., Nov. 20, 2025, 4-6pm: Third Thirsty Thursday

Tantrick Brewing 243 Hubbard St. Allegan

The Allegan Area Chamber and Allegan Jaycees invite all to come and enjoy.

Fri., Nov. 21, 2025: Library Fun

Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan

10:30am: Little Read Lakeshore Sing Song Yoga – Drop in to join Deb Weiss-Gelmi as she guides us through yoga, movement, literacy, and music.

3:30pm: Animation Station Short Film Festival – Register to join the very first Animation Station Short Film Festival where we will showcase all our young artists' creativity and hard work. Call 269 673-4625.

Sat., Nov. 22, 2025, 9am-2pm: Candy Cane Lane Holiday Bazaar

First Congregational Church 323 Cutler St. Allegan

Come and select gifts, bake sale items, and more, plus enjoy lunch.

Sat., Nov. 22, 2025, 11am: Jumpstart Genealogy

Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan

Megan Heyl is back to help hunt down and organize family history.

Sat., Nov. 22, 2025, 2-5pm: Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Good Shepherd Church 101 N. Walnut Allegan

Come and enjoy a full Thanksgiving Dinner. Please, RSVP at 269 673-3354 to ensure that there is plenty for all. The meal is offered at no charge, but any monetary donations will go to the Allegan Food Pantry.

Sat., Nov. 22, 2025, 5:30pm: Loaves & Fishes Concert

First Methodist Church 212 S. Park St. Kalamazoo

Enjoy a wonderful concert organized by the K'zoo Folklife Org., the Allegan Chapter, and the Great Lakes Acoustic Music Assoc. Bring a food or money donation and enjoy the music.

Mon., Nov. 24, 2025, 6pm: Bingo

Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan

All are welcome for some friendly competition.

Tues., Nov. 25, 2025, 1pm: Grief Support Luncheon

Salvino's 1290 M089, Plainwell

Join Wings of Hope and others who are finding themselves, and have a wonderful lunch.

Tues., Nov. 25, 2025, 1pm: Friends of the Library Meeting

Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan

All are welcome to join the conversation and planning.

Wed., Nov. 26, 2025, 8pm: Thanksgiving Eve Party

Allegan Eagles #2315 110 Chestnut St. Allegan

The public is welcome to the Thanksgiving Party to support the giving of the Eagles to the community. The band Cut'n Loose will entertain live.

Sat., Nov. 29, 10am-6pm: Small Business Saturday Merry Market

The Shoppes on Brady St., 136 Brady, Allegan

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NOTICE

OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION
CITY OF ALLEGAN
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CITY OF ALLEGAN, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following is a sample of Ordinance 532, which was adopted by the Allegan City Council at a regular meeting held November 10, 2025.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF ALLEGAN ZONING MAP TO REZONE PARCELS 03-51-200-016-00 AND 03-51-235-004-00 (FORMER GIRL SCOUTS PROPERTY) FROM MDR MIXED DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO GSPUD GIRLS SCOUT PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the full text of the City of Allegan Ordinance 531 is available at City Hall, 231 Trowbridge St, during normal business hours, or upon request form the Allegan City Clerk.

Carol Canales,
Deputy Clerk
City of Allegan
231 Trowbridge St
Allegan, MI 49010
(269) 673-5511

SUMMARY

Otsego Township
November 10, 2025

The regular meeting of the Otsego Township Board was held on Monday, November 10, 2025, at the Otsego Township Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Supervisor Winn.

Members Present: Winn, Colin, Lunarde-Alexander, Gudith, Moll, Burns, Bumgart. Members Absent: None.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Approved Minutes from the October 13th regular meeting.

Approved bills in the amount of $141,763.31.

Approved the purchase of four AEDs, cost not to exceed $3,000 each.

Adopted Resolution No. 2025-01: Annexation of 532 M-89 Hwy to the City of Otsego.

Approved Planning Commission Case 25-06: Kalsee Credit Union SUP/SPR, with stipulations, per the Planning Commission's recommendation.

Approved Planning Commission Case 25-05: High Grade Materials SUP/SPR, as presented in the most recent revision, per the Planning Commission's recommendation and with additional stipulations to use swishers on the equipment on site and to obtain all required permits prior to the start of operations.

Approved the Early Voting Plan for 2026-2027, as presented.

Approved proposal from Allegan County Equalization for Eagle View.

Approved allowing the City of Otsego to proceed with the sale of the Otsego Fire Department Heavy Rescue truck.

Called a special meeting for Monday, 11/17/2025, at 1:00PM, to discuss FOIA Appeal No. 2025-01. Approved the resignation letter of Bryan Winn as Supervisor, effective 12/31/2025 at 11:59PM. Adjourned the meeting at 9:36 P.M.

Submitted by: Jen Colin, Otsego Township Clerk

OTSEGO TOWNSHIP

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF OTSEGO

WHEREAS, the Township Board has received a petition for annexation, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference, of land described in the attached Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the owner of that land desires municipal water service; and

WHEREAS, the Township is presently unable to provide water; and

WHEREAS, the petition appears to be legal and sufficient in all respects; and

WHEREAS, the Township Treasurer has given or caused to have been given written notice of the proposed annexation to the owners, according to the Township's last ad valorem property tax roll, of all the property in the territory proposed for annexation; and

WHEREAS, Act 279 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1909, as amended, authorized annexation to a home rule city by resolution of the governing bodies of the city and of the township from which the land is to be annexed after a petition if filed with both governing bodies signed by all of the electors and the owners of more than one-half (1/2) of the area of land to be annexed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the property requested in the petition for annexation attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference is approved in all respects to be effective immediately upon the approval of the annexation by the city Commission of the City of Otsego, Allegan County, Michigan. All resolutions or parts of resolutions to the extent they conflict with this resolution are rescinded.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Moll and supported by Board Member Winn.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted "Aye": Gudith, Moll, Burns, Colin, Lunarde-Alexander, Bumgart, Winn. "Nay": None.

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

I, Jen Colin, acting Clerk of the Township of Otsego, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of said Township at the regular meeting of said board held on November 10, 2025, at which meeting a quorum was present by a roll call vote of said members as herein before set forth; that said resolution was ordered to take immediate effect. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended.

Jen Colin, Clerk

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Karla Wyss Tye's bronze sculpture 'Almost Eagles' has migrated from longtime home at 86 W. Center St. to in front of the new Douglas City Hall, 415 Wiley Road..

It's moving week for Douglas

By Scott Sullivan

It's moving week for Douglas. The city is relocating police, city hall and public works offices into what has long been called the old hospital building at 415 Wiley Road.

Friday, Nov. 14 was Doulas's last day of business at its longtime 86 W. Center St. city hall and 47 Center St. police station.

Officials expect the municipal complex to be fully open for business Monday, Nov. 24.

The move has been long coming. City officials have for years sought to consolidate municipal services in a more modern and spacious structure than its hall in the 1875-built former Dutcher Lodge and downtown police station.

City engineers in 2023 estimated the old hall needed $1.4 million in renovations to meet modern standards. The more recently-built one-story brick police station grew overcrowded and lacked garage space for its fleet of vehicles.

The city Aug. 1, 2023 bought the 7.8-acre commercial parcel, which rings the 18,000-square-foot single-story brick former hospital/Douglas Professional Building for $1.5 million with plans to pay off its purchase and refurbishing via sale of now-surplus properties.

In April 2024 Douglas hired low bidder Carbon 6 Construction to design and build the revamped facility for an estimated $4 million. Last Dec. 2 council finalized issuing $3.23 million in capital improvement bonds for the 415 Wiley project without need of raising taxes.

"This project," said mayor Cathy North, "will bring several benefits to the community, including a larger space for public meetings and events. Additionally, it will transform a long-vacant building into a functional and valuable city asset."

As for recouping costs, Douglas last December accepted a $225,000 bid to sell 9.59 acres, once eyed for a new public works site, at 291 66th St.

Council agreed April 24 this year to sell its 1870s-built former church, most recently used by the Saugatuck-Douglas District Library, at 130 Center St. to Ox-Bow Art School for $430,000. The office, exhibit and events space is now called the Ox-Bow House.

Douglas in July this year sold the police station building to Ufuk Turan for $452,000. The city June 2 further signed a nonbinding letter of intent with the fire district to allow the latter to occupy the southern 5,200-square-foot portion of the Wiley building as a second fire station.

The STFD, which will maintain its current station at 3342 Blue Star Hwy., plans to add a 3-bay, 6-vehicle garage attached by a breezeway to the building space last occupied by Holland Hospital and Dr. Jason Myers offices. Work on that transformation too is now underway.

In July council tabled selling its old city hall for $650,000 to Worth Strategies, LLC, after the prospective buyer voiced late concerns and sought to take a deeper dive into looking at the building.

Douglas has since placed covenant restrictions meant to ensure the property, which is on Michigan's Register of Historic Places, maintains its essential appearance. The old hall remains listed for $599,000 with city realtor Bernie Merkle of Coldwell Banker Woodland-Schmidt.

Council Aug. 18 approved a nonbinding 6-month memorandum of understanding with Mosaic Development to create attainable housing on 17 acres at 6825 Wiley Road once home of the Miro Golf Course. No further decisions have been made on that parcel yet.

So ring in the new! City mailing addresses will not change during this transition; city hall/DPW at PO Box 757 and the police department at PO Box 815, both Douglas, MI 49406.

For assistance, call city hall at (269) 857-1438, police at (269) 857-4339 for non-emergency dispatch, public works at (269) 857-2763 or for emergencies.

The clerk's office and polling location for all future elections will be at 415 W Wiley Road, Suite 103. The election drop box will also be outside by the front sidewalk at suite 103. New voter ID cards will be mailed out reflecting the polling location address change.

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MIKE'S MUSINGS

MIKE WILCOX
■ PUBLISHER ■

Thanksgiving has a way of arriving right when we need it most. After another year filled with the usual mix of noise—politics, inflation, crises abroad, and the ever-present rush of everyday life—this holiday stands as a rare invitation to stop, breathe, and take stock of what's still good and grounding in our lives. And despite all the turbulence in the world, there is plenty to be thankful for.

First and foremost, Thanksgiving reminds us of the value of community—something we often overlook. Whether our tables are surrounded by extended family, a small circle of friends, or just a few loved ones we consider family, the day is a reminder that relationships are what steady us. In a world where division is amplified, it's remarkable how a shared meal can bring people closer, soften disagreements, and restore a sense of belonging. The simple act of gathering around a table remains one of the most powerful expressions of togetherness.

We should also be thankful for the people who work quietly but tirelessly to keep our communities moving. Police officers, firefighters, EMTs, nurses, doctors, and hospital staff—many of whom won't get the day off—will spend Thanksgiving serving others. Grocery workers, truck drivers, farmers, and utility crews often go unnoticed, yet they form the backbone of our daily lives. I would be remiss to not include newspaper staffers such as delivery people, and reporters that work on Thanksgiving. Without them, the conveniences we take for granted wouldn't exist. Gratitude is owed not only on holidays, but it's worth saying clearly today.

There is also something to be said for appreciating the freedoms we enjoy. Regardless of political leanings, we live in a nation where disagreement is allowed, speech is free, and elections are decided by ballots, not bullets. At a time when many parts of the world are facing conflict and censorship, that's no small blessing. Thanksgiving gives us a chance to reflect on those freedoms and the men and women—past and present—who defend them.

And then there are the simple blessings, the ones most people don't realize they rely on until they're challenged: health, if we're fortunate enough to have it; shelter and warmth as the temperature drops; the ability to put food on the table; a job or career that provides stability; and the chance to wake up each day and start anew. Personally I have taken my health for granted, and I pray I can come to a realization as to how important it is. These aren't headlines; they're the quiet foundation of a good life.

Finally, Thanksgiving offers something rare in our fast-paced culture: perspective. For at least one day, we're encouraged to look not at what we lack, but at what we already have. Gratitude doesn't erase problems, but it reframes them. It reminds us that hope is justified, that progress is possible, and that even in difficult times, we're surrounded by more good than we often recognize.

So, as we carve the turkey, pass the mashed potatoes, or settle in to watch the Lions manhandle the Green Bay Packers, let's take a moment to acknowledge the things that truly matter. Our families. Amen. Our friends. Amen. Our freedoms. Amen. Our communities. Amen The opportunities we enjoy. And the countless people who work every day to make life better, safer, and more stable for the rest of us.

In a world that rarely pauses, Thanksgiving does. And that alone is something worth being thankful for. Please join me and millions of families, who give thanks for what we have on Thanksgiving Day. This Thursday is more than a food feast and football watch party. It is truly about being thankful foor what we have.

Life as Performance Art

G CORWIN STOPPEL

Mother had a copy of a painting she kept in her Thanksgiving dinner file folder. Right after Halloween she took down our elementary school finger-painted masterpieces and used four magnets to hold the print on the refrigerator door. With it came with the admonishment: Do NOT touch.

The painting had long been Mother's inspiration for a perfect Thanksgiving dinner: a wonderful turkey, all the trimmings (sides, as they are called now) and desserts for a very extended family.

For the most part, all went according to plan. When it did not, Thanksgiving was far more memorable. At the end of a very long day, after the China went back into the cabinet and the Olds counted the silverware to make sure all pieces were present and accounted for, Mother would take down the print and return it to the file folder for another year.

The painting? Norman Rockwell's "Freedom from Want." For my parents, like almost everyone in their generation, it was all the more poignant because they lived through much want during the Great Depression. After a decade of it, the painting emphasized abundance.

At his State of the Union message in January 1941, President Roosevelt explained that all people, everywhere in the world, deserved four basic freedoms: freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom from want and freedom from fear.

By then, much of the world had been at war since August 1939, and even earlier in the Far East when the Japanese invaded Manchuria and China, and Africa when Italy invaded Ethiopia. Those living in occupied lands or under a dictatorship did not have those freedoms.

Roosevelt intended to persuade Americans to drop their isolationist beliefs that we had no business in what was happening in the rest of the world. At the same time, he understood that America was not ready to go to war. He wanted Americans to understand that these were the freedoms to which all people, everywhere, not just Americans, were entitled.

His words were well received, except for objections raised by the political foes who thought the President was attempted to expand his New Deal policies.

In 1942, the Saturday Evening Post magazine commissioned Rockwell to do the Four Freedom paintings. Not long after, his preliminary sketches were approved.

"Freedom of Speech" depicted a young man in a work jacket standing up at a public meeting to talk to the crowd. "Freedom of Worship" showed five pious people at a worship service. The fourth painting, "Freedom from Fear," depicted parents tucking their child into bed, while the father held a newspaper with headlines about war overseas.

About that third painting, the one we associate with Thanksgiving, "Freedom from Want" shows a family about ready to have a special holiday meal, and all eyes are on the feast. It was an idealistic painting, and modern art critics have pointed out that by today's standards it is politically incorrect, even racist.

The series took seven months for Rockwell to complete, in part because his health was not good, and despite the best efforts of his doctors, he lost weight and was exhausted.

The artist knew that to make a clear message that would reflect Roosevelt's high ideals and touch the hearts and minds of his audience, everything had to be perfect. Not even the President knew Rockwell was jeopardizing his health to finish the paintings.

He said the quartet was the hardest emotional and intellectual work he had done. The four paintings appeared on covers of the Post, one each week, from late February through early March 1943.

The timing was perfect because the American military had suffered several setbacks, and the paintings were a visual boost to the national morale. Civilian and soldier alike looked at these paintings and understood this is what we were fighting for.

By the time peace was declared in the summer of 1945, millions of copies of the "Four Freedoms" paintings had been printed, and they were used on a series of war bonds. Today, they are in the Norman Rockwell Art Museum, whose gift shop manager claims the reproductions are as popular as ever.

These are far more than beautiful paintings or iconic artworks in a remote and obscure museum. They represent the core values of our social contract with one another. They are the articulation of the hopes and desires of every human being since the dawn of humanity.

Just as our earliest ancestors wanted them to be their reality, nothing has changed. We still want them to be our reality. Many of us would be willing to sacrifice our lives in return for the hope that our children and grandchildren would be able to live in freedom.

When my sister and I were in elementary school, on Thanksgiving morning we were exiled off to our bedrooms with instructions to write our list of reasons we were grateful. It was a challenge at first, but once we got started we printed our lists at a good clip. We included almost everything — our dog Sam, my pony, teachers, music lessons and more. My sister did much the same thing.

I think of that writing assignment as we approach another Thanksgiving Day. Looking over the past year, some things were great, one was horribly awful, and a lot were a "meh" — not great but not terrible. Maybe that's how you see things in your life too.

Then we realize that we survived and got through it. There is much for which to be thankful.

But now, in front of us, is the unknown. What happens later today or tomorrow or the tomorrows after that? Will those Four Freedoms still be present, or might something dreadful happen? We don't know.

When we are uncertain of the present or future, it is tempting to look to the past as the good old days. Perhaps the best popular cultural example came in the opening of the old TV show "All in the Family," where Archie and Edith are at their piano, singing "Those were the Days."

It includes the line "What we need is a man like Herbert Hoover again." Seriously? Anyone who was living in the early 1930s probably had a very different opinion about life being so wonderful and perfect.

Today and this coming Thanksgiving Day will probably be the "Good Old Days" in a few years. Our task is to make them great days right now. We do it through gratitude for what we have.

We instinctively know those Four Freedoms are important to us as a nation and as individuals. We also know to maintain and pass them down to the following generation, our work is cut out for us.

We can do it of course, just as the GI's and their families did it when the paint was still wet on Rockwell's painting.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Trump backing off tariffs that shouldn't have been imposed in first place

Dear Editor:

It now looks as if Trump is backing off the tariffs he imposed on coffee, beef and tropical fruits from South America.

A bigger question might be why were they imposed in the first place?

Traditionally, tariffs are imposed to either protect domestic industries or to raise revenue.

So, why tariffs on coffee, beef and tropical fruits?

There's no domestic growers of coffee or tropical fruits and why stick it to our domestic beef producers?

Well, it turns out that the only reason Trump imposed them was because he was peed off at Brazil for prosecuting one of his favorite dictators, Jair Bolsonaro.

And for those who are actual economists and not Trump cronies pretending to be economists, tariffs are paid by us, you and me, not the exporting countries as he would like you to believe.

What about Brazil? They waltzed off with agriculture deals with China further sticking it to our farmers and the rest of us while stoking inflation which is what you get when you have to pay more for nothing.

What you might want to remember is that you voted for this and only you can end it.

David Ohmart

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NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING ON VARIANCE REQUESTED FROM THE ALLEGAN TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held at the Allegan Township Hall at 3037 118th Avenue on

December 8, 2025
at 7:30 p.m.

Will be held to consider the request submitted by William and Sherry Harrison for two variances from the Township front and rear setback requirements in agricultural zoning as to the following described parcel. The property which would be affected by the proposed variance is described as follows:

1263 Bridge Road, Allegan, Mi 49010
03-01-034-040-01

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Allegan Township Board of Appeals hereby specifically reserves the right to recommend and consider changes in the zoning ordinance other than as proposed herein. The public may appear at the public hearing in person or by counsel.

Written comments may be submitted to:

Mark Gabala, Chairman
Allegan Township Board of Appeals
3037 118th Ave
Allegan, MI 49010

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Will be held to consider the request submitted by Bradley and Elizabeth Peters for a variance from the Township minimum setback requirements as to the following described parcel. The property which would be affected by the proposed variance is described as follows:

2056 Lake Drive, Allegan, Mi 49010
03-01-380-011-00

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Written comments may be submitted to:

Mark Gabala, Chairman
Allegan Township Board of Appeals
3037 118th Ave
Allegan, MI 49010

Obituaries

Carl "Wayne" McFarland

If we try to list all the things he was to the people he knew and loved, we are bound to leave someone out. Wayne was the epitome of what it means to be a good neighbor. He was a self-proclaimed simple hillbilly (or hippie, depending on the decade), with a sarcastic sense of humor. If you knew him, you knew he had his own way of doing things and you loved him for it. He may not have known the answers to your problem, but he was always there to listen and lend a hand.

A few of the things he enjoyed were hunting, golfing, playing chess, working on his Ranchero, and tinkering around the pole barn. He had a soft spot for 4 legged companions and loved the outdoors. Wayne retired from the MSU Trevor Nichols farm and went back these last few years to help "keep him out of trouble." We really don't know if that worked or not, but it helped him stay busy.

There is no doubt that he will be deeply missed by

Carl "Wayne" McFarland

many, but we take comfort in knowing that he was welcomed home by his parents James Robert "J.R" and Lenora Jean "Jo", his brothers James Darrell "J.D" and Gary, and several other beloved family members and friends.

His memory will live on with Mary, his wife of 35 years, his kids Jeremy (Jessica) Payne, Michele Overweg and Michael Lynema, and his grandkids Alexandra, Jackson and Espen. His sisters Brenda (Mark) Dunavin and LaDonna McFarland, and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. We would be remiss not to include the many people who had the specific type of joy that only Wayne could have brought to their lives, but there are so many, and you know who you are.

Wayne's family will have an open visitation from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Friday, November 21, at Chappell Funeral Home, 637 West Main Street, Fennville, MI 49408.

"Dear Friends" ~ Queen

So dear friends your love is gone,
Only tears to dwell upon,
I dare not say as the wind must blow,
So a love is lost, a love is won,
Go to sleep and dream again,
Soon your hopes will rise and then
From all this gloom life can start anew,
And there'll be no crying soon.

David Lyle Simpson

David Lyle Simpson passed on November 9, 2025, at Beacon Hospital in Kalamazoo, MI. David was born to his late parents Raymond and Arla (Taylor) Simpson on October 4, 1946, in Hopkins, MI. In high school David lettered in football every year and was a member of the National Honor Society. After high school David joined the ROTC at Western Michigan University and graduated with a bachelor's in education. He would serve honorably in the Army as an Officer, achieving the rank of Captain. He fought with the 101st Airborne Division (502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment) overseas in Vietnam. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal "V" device, Silver Star, and multiple Purple Hearts (1st OLC) due to wounds sustained in combat. David would medically retire after Vietnam and settle in Grand Haven, MI where he was blessed with twins in 1974, earned double master's degrees in history and reading for special needs kids and had a teaching career that spanned

David Lyle Simpson

over 25 years. David lived in Washington State for a few years and then settled in Hopkins, MI where he met Peggy Pompey-Simpson and together they shared 10 years of marriage. Together they owned horses and loved horseback riding anywhere they could, from trotting across Michigan or in the Tennessee Mountains. David also enjoyed his John Deere tractor, doing work on their property or just driving around. He was driven, hard-working, and kind to all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife Peggy Pompey-Simpson; children John Simpson (Redmond, WA) and Angie (Andy) Litzinger (Woodinville, WA); siblings Mark (Connie) Simpson and Mary Susan McLean; grandchildren Ashley Litzinger, Ally Litzinger, Gabriel Pompey, and Graci Pompey; nephews Matt Simpson and Jeremy Simpson.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

David's funeral service will start at 11:00 AM with an hour's visitation before from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM on Tuesday, November 18, at Gorden Funeral Residence, Hopkins Chapel 208 West Main Street, Hopkins, MI 49328. Army military honors to follow the service at the Funeral Home. Cremation to take place following the service with a private burial of ashes in Maplewood cemetery later.

Memorial donations may be made to Hopkins Community Church for Cradles of Grace or the Benevolent fund with Rectify Church in Allegan.

Margaret JoAnne Spreitzer

Margaret JoAnne Spreitzer, a devoted educator, loving wife, and cherished member of her community, passed away on October 29, 2025, in Kalamazoo, Michigan, at the age of 77.

Born October 6, 1948, in Allegan, Michigan, Margaret lived a life marked by compassion, curiosity, and a deep commitment to learning. After earning her Bachelor's in Education from Western Michigan University, she spent over two decades teaching at Martin Elementary. Her patience, creativity, and ability to connect with students left a lasting impact, both in the classroom and through after-school science programs that sparked wonder in young minds.

Margaret's love of learning extended far beyond teaching. A voracious reader with a vast personal library, she was also deeply engaged in politics and once ran for a seat in the House of

Margaret JoAnne Spreitzer

Representatives. She found joy in nature—gardening, camping, and fishing—and embraced the outdoors as a source of peace and inspiration.

Her gentle spirit and generous heart made her beloved by all who knew her. Margaret was a devoted wife to Allan Chudek and a proud mother to Buddy Sasquach. She lovingly embraced her stepchildren—Shelly, Jeffery, Kelly, and Leanne—and found immense joy in her grandchildren, Elijah and Finn (Lue) Molenaar.

She is also remembered with love by her siblings and their spouses: Mary (Denny) Bower, Karl (Connie) Spreitzer, Jim (Kathy) Spreitzer, Fritz (Linda) Spreitzer, Matt (Denise) Spreitzer, Lilly Teed, Marisa (Ron) Stull, and Peter Spreitzer, along with 22 nieces and nephews whose lives she touched with kindness.

Margaret was preceded in death by her son, Jason Edward Franklin, and her parents, Joseph and Anne Spreitzer. Their memory remained a guiding light throughout her life.

Her legacy lives on in the laughter of the children she taught, the knowledge she shared, and the love she gave so freely. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Violet Louise (Oisten) Steinman

Violet Louise (Oisten) Steinman was born August 14, 1928 and passed away at home Sunday, November 9, 2025. Violet was the daughter of Charles and Minnie Oisten. They lived in Okmulgee, OK where her family was raised, seven brothers and two sisters. Then came sisters and brothers-in-law and many nieces and nephews into her family. Sister, Maxine, still lives in Tulsa, OK. Her father had family that brought her to Allegan, Michigan. On March 31, 1972, she married Arthur Louis Steinman. Violet then brought four children into her life. Over the years came more family, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Violet had many hobbies. She loved bowling, golf, bingo, houseplants, crafting, bathing, crocheting, and puzzles. She enjoyed working at the Allegan County fair, she also worked in day-care for years. Violet was loved by her family, she will be deeply missed. Art would like to thank the Briarwood and Hospice Staff for all of their kindness. We love you, Violet. God Bless and Rest in peace. Arrangements entrusted to the Bloomingdale Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com.

Wayland Union expands manufacturing emphasis at Digitrace

By Gari Voss

Wayland Union Schools have taken the month of November to participate in a variety of activities that spotlight careers in manufacturing. Elementary through high school students took a closer look at jobs that can be attained by developing knowledge and skills that combine hands-on, on the job experience and computer engineering.

The manufacturing initiative, led by Discover Manufacturing that is an industry talent council of West Michigan Works!, organized more than 90 manufacturers across West Michigan that were eager to interact with students. Sparked by National Manufacturing Week that ran September 29th through October 3rd, elementary through high school students could tour manufacturing facilities between October 13 and November 25, 2025.

The manufacturing industry desires to raise public awareness of the importance of manufacturing and its many careers while encouraging young people to develop an interest in manufacturing careers. To accomplish this, participating businesses developed tours of manufacturing plants, workshops that were taken to schools, and community events. Each opportunity showcased modern manufacturing and the potential for a lucrative career.

"At Digitrace our goal is to develop people in the community we live in and help grow our community and our company together," emphasized Digitrace V-P Scott VanderHoning. "This tour is a great way for us to reach out to young people in our community to let them know we care about them and their future. Most people do not realize the impact of what they make in the manufacturing industry. When they learn that at Digitrace our products and services help protect freedom all over the world, improve the quality of life on earth, and explore the universe, they are amazed. People (especially young adults) need to understand how their efforts at work on a daily basis can have a HUGE impact for the good of all mankind. And MANUFACTURING is at the core of a lot of the improvements in life that we all enjoy every day."

Schools in Allegan County received a menu of opportunities which included tours to Trans Matic Manufacturing Co, Ind., Koops Automation Systems, EA Collision, Xtreme Stylin, & Wildr Hat Co., Parker Hannifin – Hydraulic Pumps, Parker Hannifin Fluid System Connectors, and Digitrace.

Wayland Union students took advantage of tours to Parker Hannifin Fluid System Connectors in Otsego and Digitrace in Wayland. At Digitrace, the students were welcomed by Vice President Scott VanderHoning, who took time to set the stage by asking the students what they planned to do after high school. After admitting that he did not have a plan for his future when he was in high school, he voiced that he wished he did. He reiterated that each student had the power to set their own path into their future.

Several students shared their plans to go to college to pursue careers, but most were still undecided. This led VanderHoning to promote manufacturing. Possible career opportunities allow students to begin working even before graduation, but attending college or trade schools would be important because of the many positions in the manufacturing world. In the case of Digitrace, post-secondary education training in technology could be a big boost into CNC.

Digitrace boasts CNC, or Computer Numerical Control, techniques. This is a process that is automated where pre-programmed computer software controls and directs the movement of a machine to precisely produce a product. The process begins with creating a 3D model of a part using CAD, Computer-Aided Design. The CAD model is converted into instructions in G-code language by CAM, Computer-Aided Manufacturing. The CNC machine reads the instructions and tells the tool/machine what movements to make. That movement is controlled in closed-loop or open-loop systems. The result is a piece that is cut, welded, milled, turned, etc. with the utmost precision. The importance of computerization is evident as each working station has a monitor where an employee constantly checks the movement of the machine that is cutting or refining parts.

As the students began their tour, VanderHoning explained that Digitrace has long term corporate viability because they had developed a customer base beyond the automotive industry. Digitrace supplies the aerospace, defense, automotive, and energy industries. Some parts are extremely small, but other pieces weigh thousands of pounds. No matter the part, the goal is perfection. Nothing can be added to a spaceship or a defense weapon without absolute certainty that the part is correct and will not fail. Our military, energy, and aerospace customers state "failure is not an option".

When partnering with ULA, one of the largest rocket manufacturers in the world, a new machining process was developed to reduce the weight within the Vulcan Centaur V rocket. Students examined a piece of Stainless Steel that was developed to be extremely thin and strong.

In defense, Digitrace partners to create war machine parts for all branches of the Armed Forces. In addition, they were a tier-3-supplier of the USS Gerald R. Ford. These jobs included deck elevators which required huge parts to carry fighter planes below deck.

Digitrace has decades of experience in machining parts for the automotive industry. This process can require using huge stamping press die shoes. Again, precision parts are required to produce cars and trucks that are safe and operate for hundreds of thousands of miles.

As VanderHoning gathered the students at the end of the tour, he admitted that a manufacturing career is not right for everyone. He encouraged interested juniors to apply for summer employment. The opportunity gives a solid wage, plus a person can learn to run a forklift along with other equipment.

Wayland Union is dedicated to promoting Career Education and Career Pathways. Throughout the school year, there are activities for all students. Counselor Kasey Peters who organized the high school participation in Discover Manufacturing shared, "We initially launched with a trip to the Carpenter and Millwright Apprentice Training Center. This was not explicitly part of Discover Manufacturing, but we independently used it in a similar fashion this fall, to further career exploration in hands-on, trade-based fields. While doing these trips, we also took groups on 4 college visits, with the same goal of postsecondary exploration."

Participation in Discover Manufacturing does not stop with these visits. "Looking forward, Wayland is also registered for the Construction Career Pathways Program," explained Peters. "This is an initiative between the Construction Careers Council and West Michigan Works! to engage students in construction-related career exploration. This will begin after the first of the year. It starts with a classroom visit from a construction industry professional, with the goal of eventually taking students to see a construction site."

Superintendent Tim Reeves joined the students for the tour of Digitrace and found it to be enlightening. "As a superintendent, I am very glad that more skilled trades professions are opening their doors to schools in an effort to allow students to see and understand what it might take to enter the skilled trades, and through this experience, advanced manufacturing."

"Discover Manufacturing Week is a fantastic program," emphasized Peters. "We're happy to be able to combine it with other fantastic initiatives, as well as our own career scope and sequence at Wayland, to provide opportunities to students!"

Students who experience the Discover Manufacturing tours were exposed to the fact that the skilled trades have become a multifaceted career that is driven by those who envision and can utilize technology from the planning and design to the finished product.

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Calkins Bridge Dam meeting looks to the future

By Gari Voss

Consumers Energy and Confluence Hydro will meet with all interested parties at the Allegan High School Conference Center on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 6:30pm. Consumers Energy has signed a purchase agreement with Confluence Hydro to purchase the 13 dams that Consumer had on the chopping block.

Confluence Hydro is a subsidiary of Hull Street Energy that supports deploying capital into the power sector as it decarbonizes. This has led Hydro into renewable power generation, energy storage resources, and electricity. Thus, reaching an agreement with Consumers Energy to purchase their "fleet" of 13 dams in Michigan was in line with their mission.

The meeting on Wednesday brings questions to the minds of the property owners around Lake Allegan. They want to feel confident that Confluence Hydro/Hull Street Energy will truly keep Calkins Bridge Dam. And in keeping the dam will make the necessary improvements for federal licensing.

In the agreement, Confluence has agreed to provide any power from the 13 facilities to Consumers. All are welcome to attend the meeting, listen to the presentation and ask questions.

CITY OF PLAINWELL

ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

PUBLIC NOTICE IS GIVEN that at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Plainwell held at City Hall on November 10, 2025, and beginning at 7:00pm, the City Council Adopted Ordinance No. 403 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 53 "ZONING" OF THE CITY OF PLAINWELL CODE OF ORDINANCES; TO AMEND SEC. 53-3, PERTAINING TO DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND SEC. 53-8, PERTAINING TO PERMITTED USES AFTER SPECIAL APPROVAL IN THE R-1A AND R-1B DISTRICT; TO AMEND SEC. 53-12, PERTAINING TO PERMITTED USES AFTER SPECIAL APPROVAL IN THE R-1C, SINGLE- AND TWO-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT; AND TO AMEND SEC. 53-127, PERTAINING TO DWELLING UNIT CONVERSIONS AND ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS.

CITY OF PLAINWELL, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

Section 1. Amendment of Sec. 53-3. Sec. 53-3 of Chapter 53, "Zoning" of the City of Plainwell Code of Ordinances is amended to include the following definitions, which are inserted in alphabetical order:

ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT (ADU). A secondary and separate dwelling unit, either attached or detached, established in conjunction with and clearly subordinate to a single-family dwelling located on the same parcel.

DWELLING UNIT CONVERSION. The process by which the owner of a single-family dwelling in a specified zoning district may apply for conversion of the dwelling into a greater number of dwelling units than existed in the dwelling prior to conversion.

Section 2. Amendment of Sec. 53-8. Sec. 53-8, of Chapter 53, "Zoning" of the City of Plainwell Code of Ordinances is amended to include a new subsection L, which reads as follows:

> L. Accessory dwelling unit, subject to the requirements of Section 53-127.

Section 3. Amendment of Sec. 53-12. Sec. 53-12, of Chapter 53, "Zoning" of the City of Plainwell Code of Ordinances is amended to include a new subsection H, which reads as follows:

> H. Accessory dwelling unit, subject to the requirements of Section 53-127.

Section 4. Amendment of Sec. 53-127. Sec. 53-127 of Chapter 53, "Zoning" of the City of Plainwell Code of Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 53-127. DWELLING UNIT CONVERSIONS & ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS (ADUs)

A. Dwelling Unit Conversions

1. Intent. Dwelling unit conversions are intended to permit the conversion of a single- family dwelling into a two- or three-family dwelling, thereby accommodating more flexible housing options in single-family neighborhoods and providing additional attainable housing options for community residents.
2. Dwelling unit conversions shall be permitted as special approval use in the R-1A, R-1B Single-Family Residence Zoning District and R-1C, Single- and Two-Family Residence District, subject to the requirements of Sec. 53-130 and the following standards:
   a. The application shall include front and side elevations.
   b. The proposed conversion shall result in more than two (2) additional units to the existing dwelling and the maximum number of bedrooms per additional dwelling unit shall not exceed two (2).
   c. Unit floor area. Conversion of any dwelling unit will not result in any dwelling unit with gross floor area of is less than four-hundred (400) square feet for an efficiency unit, six-hundred (600) square feet for a one- bedroom unit and seven-hundred-fifty (750) square feet for a two- bedroom unit.
   d. One of the dwelling units must be occupied by the property owner who agrees that all construction and maintenance of the structure, all dwelling units therein, and all maintenance of the grounds will be in accordance with and conform to all city construction codes, including, but not limited to, the Building Code, Electrical Code, Plumbing Code, Mechanical Code, and Housing Code.
   e. Each dwelling unit shall be self-contained, consisting of complete lavatory and kitchen facilities and a separate living area.
   f. Each dwelling unit shall provide adequate light and ventilation pursuant to all applicable codes.
   g. Stairways leading to the second or any higher floor shall be located within the walls of the building wherever practical and stairways and fire escapes shall otherwise be located on the rear wall in preference to either side wall and in no case on a front wall or side wall facing a street.
   h. Except as may be necessary for purposes of safety in accordance with the preceding paragraph, there shall be no major structural change in the exterior of the building in connection with the conversion and after conversion the building shall retain substantially the same structural appearance it had before the conversion.
   i. There shall be provided one (1) parking space per converted dwelling unit, in addition to the parking requirements for a single-family dwelling. The location of the off-street parking spaces shall be consistent and compatible with existing off-street parking in the neighborhood. Where possible, parking should be enclosed or screened from view from any public street. In no case shall an application be approved where parking is intended to be located in the front yard, outside of an approved driveway, of any dwelling unit for which conversion has been applied for.

B. Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)

1. Intent. Accessory dwelling units are intended to accommodate the needs of family members residing upon a single parcel, but who desire separate quarters, as well as to provide additional attainable housing options for community residents.
2. Accessory dwelling units shall be permitted as special approval use in the R-1A, R- 1B Single-Family Residence Zoning District and R-1C, Single- and Two-Family Residence District, subject to the requirements of Sec. 53-130 and the following standards:
   a. The application shall include front and side elevations.
   b. Accessory dwelling units shall not be located within the footprint of an existing single-family dwelling unit and shall only be permitted if constructed as a separate building or as an expansion of an existing accessory building. The conversion of existing single-family dwellings into two (2) or three (3) dwelling units within the footprint of the existing single-family dwelling shall be considered a dwelling unit conversion and regulated in accordance with subsection A above.
   c. No more than one (1) accessory dwelling unit shall be permitted on a single parcel, and it shall not be located on a parcel with more than one (1) dwelling unit.
   d. The property owner shall occupy either the principal structure or the accessory dwelling unit as their primary residence.
   e. The accessory dwelling unit shall include, at a minimum, a kitchen, a bathroom, and a sleeping area separate from the primary residence, and shall meet all provisions of the Housing Code, Building Code, and any other applicable codes adopted by the City of Plainwell.
   f. The exterior design of an accessory dwelling unit, whether attached or detached to a building or structure, shall be compatible with the principal dwelling and any other accessory buildings or structures on the parcel. The building form, construction materials, dimensions, and landscaping shall remain consistent with the principal structure and in harmony with the character and scale of the surrounding neighborhood.
   g. The owners of the subject property shall sign a Statement of Conditions in a form acceptable to the Zoning Administrator and/or the Planning Commission containing a legal description of the subject property and specifying the restrictions on the accessory dwelling set forth in this Section as well as any other conditions imposed by the Planning Commission in granting Special Approval for the accessory dwelling. No building or zoning permits for the accessory dwelling shall be issued until the City Zoning Administrator is provided with satisfactory proof that the fully executed Statement of Conditions has been recorded with the Register of Deeds of Allegan County.
   h. Unit Floor Area. Accessory dwelling units shall have a minimum floor area of no less than four hundred (400) square feet. An accessory dwelling unit shall not exceed the gross floor area of the principal dwelling.
   i. The accessory dwelling unit shall comply with setback, height, and other applicable dimensional requirements for accessory buildings, as applicable, of the R-1A, R-1B Single-Family Residence District and R- 1C, Single- and Two-Family Residence District.
   j. Accessory dwelling units and any accessory buildings to which they may be attached are exempt from the requirement that detached accessory buildings be located a minimum of ten (10) feet from any main building.
   k. At least one (1) off-street parking space shall be provided for the accessory dwelling unit; and such parking spaces shall be in addition to the off-street parking required for the principal dwelling.
   l. If a detached accessory building larger than two hundred (200) square feet exists on the property, an accessory dwelling unit shall be attached to the detached accessory building. The conversion of an accessory building or garage into an accessory dwelling unit shall comply with all applicable building codes for dwelling units.

Section 5. Repeal. Any existing ordinance or resolution that is inconsistent or conflicts with this Ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of any such conflict or inconsistency.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance is ordered to take effect eight (8) days following publication of adoption in the Union Enterprise a newspaper having general circulation in the City, under the provisions of 2006 Public Act 110, except as may be extended under the provisions of such Act.

Anglers hail mussel-fighting bill

By Scott Sullivan

A bipartisan bill introduced by two Michigan congresspersons Monday would allocate $500 million over 10 years to fight invasive mussels that are harming the Great Lakes ecosystem and local fishing industry.

U.S. Reps. Debbie Dingell (D-Ann Arbor) and Tim Walberg (R-Tipton) brought the proposed Save Great Lakes Fish Act of 2025 before the U.S. House aiming to treat invasive species like quagga mussels.

Scientists have confirmed Quagga mussels — which take nutrients from smaller fish, impacting native lake trout and whitefish populations — now cover most of the lakebed in Lakes Michigan and Huron.

Longtime Saugatuck charter boat captain David Engel, whose family has been fishing on Lake Michigan for four generations covering 100 years, called the legislation way past due.

"There used to be 45 to 46 charter boats in Saugatuck during the mid-1980s; now there's five," Engel said. "Unlike zebra mussels, which frequented shallower water and largely ate themselves out, the Quaggas go to the bottom, 400 feet and deeper."

"We see the fish bite and what's on the bottom, put down cameras to and there's Quaggas there," he continued. "We hook them on our lines. They affect salmon, perch and other native fish too.

"The zebras, which are smaller, peaked out in the late 1990's to early 2000s," said Michigan Department of Natural Resources area coordinator Jay Wesley. "The bigger Quaggas withstand cold water better. We've seen them as deep as 900 feet."

"Restoration," said Engel, "is going to take years and years, so any federal money is warmly welcome.

"I hope we can come up with a solution to slow down these Quagga mussels and keep native fish from going extinct," he said.

Gobles Food Pantry receives $1,000 grant

The Gobles-Kendall Area Ministerial Association Food Pantry was a recipient of a $1,000 grant from the Ben Crooks Agency and the Agent Charitable Fund – Farm Bureau Insurance of Michigan. Shown in photo, at left, is Ben Crooks, and Sheila Baker, representing the Gobles – Kendall Area Ministerial Association Food Pantry.

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Plainwell invites residents to take part in card display

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

The holiday season is nearly upon us.

That means the annual Holiday Card Display in Hicks Park—located in downtown Plainwell—will soon be up for visitors to enjoy.

And the City of Plainwell would like to invite the public to participate.

Any group, organization, business or family is welcome to participate by creating and displaying a card.

The cards can be set up beginning Friday, Nov. 28, with Thursday, Dec. 4, the final day of set up. They must be taken down by Friday, Jan. 2.

Guidelines for the cards are as follows:

* No larger than 32 square feet (a 4x8 board works great!)
* You may provide your own lights and outdoor extension cord
* Please coil cords neatly behind your card
* No digging holes
* Stakes should not go in the ground more than six-to-eight inches
* Cards must be placed only in the designated area

"Let's make downtown Plainwell shine bright this holiday season," officials said in a social media post.

For card placement or questions, contact the City of Plainwell at (269) 685-6821.

PHS goes 'Back to the '80s'

Earlier this month, students from Plainwell High School took audiences on a trip "Back to the '80s" as part of this year's Drama Class performance.

This was the third year the PHS Drama Class has presented a show.

The students performed the show three times, with evening performances on a Friday and Saturday and a matinee showing on a Sunday.

"Back to the '80s" was loosely based on the plot of "Back to the Future" and featured plenty of nostalgia.

OHS students conduct food drive

The Otsego High School student council conducted its annual food drive recently, with a goal of collecting 4,000 items.

The actual total far surpassed that, with approximately 5,050 items being collected.

All of those items will go to the Otsego Christmas Project, which supports local familes in need during the holiday season.

The OHS donations will help 125 familes. (Photos provided)

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Clippers earn trip to State Finals

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

CHELSEA—Same teams. Same round in the playoffs. Same result.

The Martin football team scored 22 unanswered points in the second half to overcome an 8-0 deficit and post the 20-8 win over Kingston in an 8-Player Division 1 state semifinal showdown at Chelsea High School on Saturday, Nov. 15.

The Clippers (12-0) claimed a 42-34 victory over Kingston (10-2) in a state semifinal game two years ago.

"That's a good, good football team over there," Martin coach Brad Blauvelt said. "They did a good job of physically dominating us in the first half and running the clock, which is a big part of their game.

"But are guys are resilient. They're battle-tested. We've been in tough spots before. And they came back out in the second half and played the way we're capable of playing."

The win earned Martin its third trip to the State Finals at the Superior Dome in Marquette for the third time in the past four seasons.

The Clippers won state titles in 2022 and 2023 before suffering a heartbreaking 26-22 regional loss to Mendon last season.

"We're going back to the Dome and that's huge for us," Martin junior Seth Toris said. "We missed out last year and we were angry about that. We weren't going to let that happen again, and we're just so happy to go going back."

Toris played a major role in making sure the Clippers wouldn't be denied a trip to the Dome again this year.

With Martin trailing 8-0 at halftime, Toris raced 69 yards on the Clippers' first play from scrimmage in the third quarter to narrow the gap to 8-6.

"It was just a really good feeling for me and the whole team alone," Toris said of getting the Clippers on the scoreboard. " We dealt with some adversity in the first half, just getting stopped and getting stopped. And then to get a big play like that gives us so much so much momentum for the rest of the game."

This marked the second week in a row that Toris had a touchdown run of nearly 70 yards.

He raced 66 yards on the Clippers' first offensive play against Climax-Scotts to set the tone for the rest of that game.

"Seth has been huge for us," Martin coach Brad Blauvelt said. "Between him and (senior quarterback) Haylen (Buell), they've given us a heck of a one-two combination.

"And we didn't know that going into the season. We knew Seth was good, but he's really shining for us. He's helped us immensely."

And Toris wasn't done.

With 9:44 left in the fourth quarter, he forced his way into the end zone from two yards out to give the Clippers their first lead of the game at 12-8.

With 3:54 remaining, Buell got in on the scoring action, racing for a 28-yard touchdown before making good on the conversion run to push Martin's lead to 20-8

Any hope Kingston had of mounting a comeback ended on the ensuing drive when Toris intercepted a pass to give possession back to the Clippers.

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Martin quarterback Haylen Buell (right) looks for some running room against Kingston. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

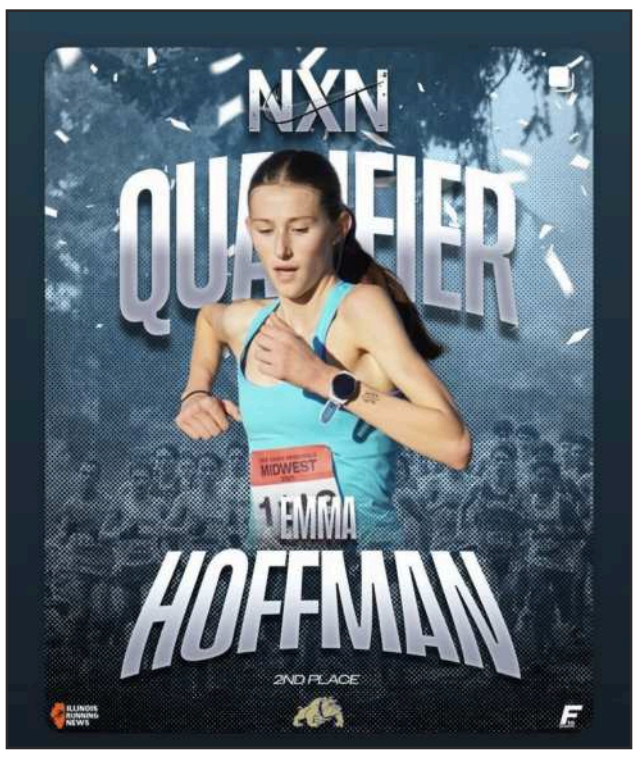
Martin coach Brad Blauvelt hugs Peyton Schuring-Harris after the Clippers win over Kingston. (Photo by J. Wesseldyk)

Hoffman qualifies for Nike Cross Nationals

On Sunday, Nov. 16, Otsego senior Emma Hoffman participated in the Elite Race at the NXR Midwest at Laverne Gibson Course in Terre Haute, Ind.

Featuring the top cross country runners from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri, Hoffman placed second with a time of 16:53.

As a result, she qualified for Nike Cross Nationals at Glendoveer Golf Course in Portland, Ore., on Saturday, Dec. 6. (Photo provided)



Boys Basketball Season Preview

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

ALLEGAN

Brian Baker may be new to the role of head coach at Allegan, but he is definitely not new to coaching hoops.

Baker has 25 years of coaching experience.

And he's been encouraged by what he's seen so far in Allegan, particularly the fact that 40 kids showed up for tryouts.

"We narrowed it down to 32 players across the varsity, JV, and freshmen teams, with this year being the first time in several years we've been able to have a freshmen team," Baker said.

Six players return from last year's squad that posted a 9-12 record.

Those players are senior guards Brandon Thrash and Liam Antoine, junior guards LJ Dial and Nathan Martinez, junior forward Brayden Kosiorowski and sophomore center Ayden Fusco.

Three first-year seniors—guards Hayden McAlpine and Ethan Tyler along with center Matheson Vernia—are among six newcomers who round out the roster.

"We have a team full of hard-working kids that get after it every day," Baker said. "He also have pretty good length across the board, so rebounding should be a strength.

"While we do have six returning players from last year's team, they were in more of a supportive role. How are they going to handle the new roles and responsibilities that will be put on them? That will play a big role in how our season goes."

Among the goals for the Tigers, according to Baker, are to having a winning record, to win a divisional title and to compete for a district crown.

Not that he expects winning a divisional title to be an easy task.

"The SAC is a tough basketball conference and each division game is going to be a battle," Baker said. "In our division, we have South Haven, Bridgeman, Coloma, Watervliet and Fennville.

"Based on last year's results and where I think our team is this year, we have a shot at winning the division. I am a very confident person, and I have all the confidence in my players. We are going to surprise some people and teams this year that may not be expecting much from us."

HAMILTON

Under the guidance of head coach Nick Kronemeyer, Hamilton has played in four straight district finals.

In order for the Hawkeyes are to extend that streak to five straight, Kronemeyer will need his extremely young team to adjust to playing at the varsity level.

Senior wing Hudsen Hulst is the lone returning player on the roster.

"The entire rest of the team is newcomers, with Hudsen the only varsity minutes returning," Kronemeyer said.

Given the youthful makeup of his team, Kronemeyer knows there will be a learning curve, especially in the initial stage of the season.

"A new group means unknown, and we will use the first bit of the season to measure who we are and where we are at," Kronemeyer said. "Then, as always, we are looking to play our best basketball at the end of the year.

"This group of incoming juniors is very balanced, and our team goals are to win the next game and play our best basketball at the end of the season."

Kronemeyer expects defense and rebounding to be this team's calling card.

"We have no reason to not be great defensively and on the glass," he said. "The team has as much height and strength as I have coached and we should be able to maximize this through winning the possession battle as consistently as possible.

Hamilton wasn't alone in losing players to graduation in the conference. Because of that, Kronemeyer believes the fight for the top spot in the league should be intriguing.

"I expect it to be a very competitive and balanced league," he said. "Unity Christian has the most returning and they would be the favorite heading into the year."

Trent Smith is back for Hopkins this season. (File photo)

HOPKINS

There's a new sheriff in town for Hopkins.

Or, more accurately, a new coach.

After eight years—with an OK Silver championship and a district title included—Jake Jewett resigned as head coach to spend more time with his family.

Enter Steve Smith, who has served as the JV coach in Hopkins for the past six years.

That familiarity with the program and its players should help Smith as he gets acclimated to his new role.

"We will be a young team this year with only two seniors," Smith said. "We have eight juniors and two sophomores."

That overall youth could lead to some struggles early in the season.

"I think we will have some really good moments but also have some not-so-great moments, especially early," Smith said.

Three returning guards will be asked to help lead the way for the Vikings.

Those guards are juniors Trent Smith and Merek Zapolnik along with senior Cruz Hitzler. All three are entering their third season at the varsity level, with Trent Smith and Zapolnik both earning All-Conference accolades last season.

"Having that experience at the guard position is huge," Steve Smith said. "I believe our team chemistry is going to be a key factor in our development. We

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ATHLETE of the WEEK

Millie Shattuck
Otsego
Girls Swim & Dive

Otsego senior Millie Shattuck has enjoyed a very successful season on the diving boards.

Not only did Shattuck win the SCC championship by besting the defending Division 2 state champ, but she also placed fifth at the Division 3 dive regionals hosted by the Bulldogs on Thursday, Nov. 14.

That performance qualified Shattuck for the Division 3 State Finals.

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have a solid group who really cares about one another. It's a very unselfish and very talented group."

Sophomore forward Dexter Graczyk also returns, with sophomore guard Kash Moored and junior forward Jackson Iciek among the team's top newcomers.

"We should be a solid defensive team," Steve Smith said. "We also should be able to shoot the ball. We are not very big, so we will use are athleticism and try to create some advantages that way."

Steve Smith views Fruitport as the favorite to win the OK Silver title, but he thinks the league will be tough overall.

"I do think anyone can beat anyone on any night," he said. "There is not a bad team in the conference and there is a ton of really good players, so it is going to be a fun year. Our conference will have us ready for district play, that's for sure."

MARTIN

The 2024-25 season was one of marked improvement for Martin.

After securing a single victory the previous season, the Clippers posted an 8-15 showing last year.

Third-year coach Corby Callaway hopes to see that upward trajectory continue this season.

"We are looking to take a big step with our program this season," he said. "We had a seven-game win improvement over my first and second year coaching and we look to continue building on that.

"Our (participation) numbers are up across the board, so that is a good thing."

A quartet of seniors lead the way for the returning players. They are guard Weson Elkins and forwards Ethan Fitzpatrick, Jackson Kennedy and Chase DeGlopper.

"We will be a senior-led team this season," Callaway said. "It's the third year in our system now, so we'll be able to add some more layers to what we are trying to do. I think our guys understand what our expectations are of them now and are working hard to meet them."

Also returning are sophomore guard Jason Marshall and junior forward Blake Sweeting.

Newcomers expected to make an impact include junior guards Devin Bogdan and Kevin Weers, although Callaway will have to wait to get his whole team together.

"We won't have our full team for practice until Nov. 24, after the football team plays in the State Finals," he said. "So we'll have some catching up to do."

In the division, Callaway believes Gobles, Delton and Galesburg will be towards the top.

"We have the ability to compete with anyone in our conference, though, and our guys are starting to understand that," he said. "Our guys are hungry and have been in the gym a ton since the end of last season.

"We played in the Wyoming High School summer league this past June and it was a real eye opener for our guys. It showed us what it took to compete at a high level. I'm excited for the season to really get going to see what we can do."

OTSEGO

After being at or near the top of the Wolverine Conference standings for the past seven years, Otsego took a step back last season at 5-18 as injuries and illness took a toll.

But with six returning players and some solid newcomers, Otsego coach Matt Dennis is excited to see what his team can accomplish in the new campaign.

"We have a solid group of athletes with size, skill and basketball IQ," Dennis said. "Our bench will be deeper than last year and we have multiple players who can score, so teams won't be able to key in on one player. They'll have to guard everyone, every possession.

"Last year, the injury and illness bug hit us hard. If we can stay healthy, this team is going to be a lot of fun to coach."

Senior Chib Amaezechi (right) returns for Plainwell after earning All-State honors last season. (File photo)

Returning players include the senior tandem of guard Roman Buscher and forward Colin Fitzpatrick and the junior duo of forward Owen Santman and guard Kal-El Leonard.

Sophomore guards Wyatt Dennis and Leeland Longcore are also back after being moved up from the JV squad mid-season a year ago.

"We are athletic this year and have multiple players who can put up points," Matt Dennis said. "This is a change from last season, where we were moving players up from the JV and playing different lineups every game. Our depth, athleticism and skill are much improved this year.

"The biggest concern is our youth. We only have three seniors, two of which played last year. The addition of senior Chris Weirick gives us another outstanding athlete, but he hasn't played since his sophomore year, so he has a little catching up to do. Most of our young guys did see varsity minutes last year, but this year they'll be asked to carry a heavier load."

It's a team that will strive to get back to the top of the Wolverine Conference standings.

The Bulldogs won six straight titles before finishing second two years ago.

"I think Paw Paw is at the top, having won the conference last year and returning several key players," Matt Dennis said. "Vicksburg should be improved. They had a solid JV group, with a couple of underclassmen on varsity. Niles has a new coach, but returns good size and athleticism

"We will be a sleeper, but we have the tools to compete with the top teams and make some noise."

PLAINWELL

If an experienced roster translates into success, then this should be quite a successful season for Plainwell coach Larry Ash and his squad.

The Trojans—fresh off a 14-7 campaign that included a district championship—has nine returning seniors on the roster.

"Our strength will be our senior leadership, plain and simple," Ash said. "This team also gets along together really well and they have worked pretty hard getting ready for this season. So it should be a lot of fun."

Center/forward Chib Amaezechi headlines the list of returning players after garnering Honorable Mention All-State as a junior.

He's joined by guards Drew Rayman, Reece Trahan and Nate Lunt; forwards Gibson Young and Tyler Venderstelt; guards/forwards Trason Stephenson and Ronald Nunez; and center Luke Filkins.

Juniors Max Vandenhonbergh (forward), Gavin Heath (guard) and Landon Naas (guard) are also in the mix for Plainwell.

It's a team that Ash fully believes can build on last season's accomplishments.

"We set our goals high every year, and this year is no different," Ash said. "We just want to work hard and let everything else take care of itself."

While the Wolverine Conference always presents its share of challenges in terms of the quality of play, Ash thinks the competitiveness will be at an even higher level this year.

"I think the conference will be tougher and everyone can beat up on each other on any given night," he said. "We have a couple of new coaches and some who are in their second year, so this will be fun like the Wolverine Conference is every year."

SAUGATUCK

As Ty Rock enters his second season as head coach in Saugatuck, he does so with a largely young and inexperienced team.

The senior tandem of guard Sammy Gamboa and forward Sam Bos are the only two players back from last season's 3-20 squad.

"We have a lot of newcomers this year with only two returning players from last year's team," said Rock, who previously had a successful coaching stint with archrival Fennville.

Despite the youthful makeup of the roster, Rock expects his team to take several steps forward compared to last season.

"Last year was a disappointing year and we look to bounce back," he said. "We expect to take a step forward with a lot of newcomers of all different grades.

"This year I believe the team will be more connected and will have many different contributing players on any given night."

A trio of first-year seniors—forward Brennan Nor and guards Noah Conklin and Isaac Cruz—lead the list of newcomers.

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Season ends for Martin volleyball

After winning its fifth district championship in the past six seasons, the Martin volleyball team advanced to regional play at Mendon on Tuesday, Nov. 11.

And while the Clippers put up a good fight and battled until the final point, Martin was unable to get past the host Hornets, who are ranked first in Division 4.

The Clippers dropped the match 3-0 to see their season come to a close.

Seen are members of the Martin team celebrating after winning a point during the third set of the match. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

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Wolf headlines outstanding season for Wayland swim

By Jason Wesseldyk
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Wayland girls swim & dive coach Seth Beat remembers watching a young Laney Wolf during her time in the age-group swim program.

"Even then, it was clear Laney was going to be an aggressive, determined competitor," Beat said. "Someone who approached every practice and race with intensity and purpose."

But not even Beat could have predicted just how dominant Wolf would become.

As a senior this season, Wolf has set or reset five school records. She also holds the school records in the other three individual events and is part of the three school records for relays.

That means the only school records she doesn't hold are the two for diving.

"We always knew she had the potential to break some school records, but what she ultimately achieved went far beyond anyone's expectations," Beat said. "Her ability to set every school record during her time at Wayland came as a thrilling and unprecedented surprise to the entire swimming community.

"Laney's career stands as a testament not only to her talent, but to her relentless work ethic, competitive spirit and commitment to continual growth."

The records Wolf set or reset this year are: the 200 IM (2:11.42), the 100 fly (57.22), the 500 freestyle (5:18.66), the 100 backstroke (58.21) and the 100 breaststroke (1:07.55).

She set records for the 200 free (1:56.57) and the 100 free (51.93) as a freshman in 2022, while setting the 50 free record of 23.61 as a sophomore.

"Laney possesses a combination of traits that make her truly exceptional as a swimmer," Beat said. "Her grit and determination show up every day in the way she trains, the way she races and the way she responds to challenges. She also has a remarkable drive and a next-level competitiveness that pushes her to chase perfection in every detail, whether it's a turn, a stroke, or a race strategy.

"But what sets Laney apart even more is her leadership and her instinct to include and uplift those around her. She leads by example, inspires her teammates with her work ethic and creates a sense of belonging that strengthens the entire program. It's this rare blend of toughness, ambition, and genuine inclusiveness that makes Laney so special both in and out of the pool."

And speaking of Wolf's teammates, they have excelled in their own right.

Some of their accomplishments include:

* Sybil Williamson, Kendra Moore, Stella VanWyk, Kaeli Whip and Ariana Longstreet joining Wolf to qualify all three relay teams for the Division 3 State Finals

* Williamson qualified for the State Finals in the 50 free and 100 free

* VanWyk qualified for the State Finals in the 100 free and 100 backstroke

* Longstreet and Maizie Bollone qualified for the regional diving meet, with Longstreet placing 11th to qualify for the State Finals

* The team posted a 7-5 dual-meet record and "delivered standout performances at all three invitationals we competed in this season."

"Beyond Laney's individual accomplishments, the team as a whole had an outstanding season," Beat said. "It was truly a year marked by growth, achievement and collective success."

That success, according to Beat, was the result of the way the team members supported each other and worked together to bring out the best in everyone.

"They bring a perfect blend of talents and personalities to the team," Beat said. "What really stands out is how much they genuinely respect each other's abilities and share a love for the sport.

"Whether celebrating each other's successes or pushing one another in practice, the girls consistently create an environment of encouragement and camaraderie. Their enthusiasm, dedication, and mutual support have made coaching this group an absolute joy."

At the State Finals, Beat believes the three relay teams are all capable of setting new school records.

And Wolf will look to add to her already-impressive collection of three state championships. She also had one runner-up finish and two third-place showings in her individual events at the State Finals.

But it's not the championships that define her.

"Laney's legacy at Wayland is defined by her unwavering commitment and the incredible work ethic she brought to the program every single day," Beat said. "She set a standard built on hard work, determination and a genuine desire to grow and learn—traits that elevated not only her own performance but also the culture of the team.

"Her journey shows what's possible when talent is matched with discipline and a willingness to improve continually. Laney leaves behind more than records. She leaves a model for future swimmers of how dedication, perseverance and a love of the sport can shape both personal success and the success of an entire program."

Wayland's state team includes (from left) Stella VanWyk, Sybil Williamson, Kaeli Whip, Ariana Longstreet, Kendra Moore and Laney Wolf. (Photo provided)

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"With so many newcomers, it's tough to say what our strengths will be as a team," Rock said. "I believe that it is possible we can be a solid defensive team with the amount of guys we have and each individual skill set should complement each other.

"This can also be our weakness, as with so many newcomers we don't have the experience or rotations in what our lineup is going to look like."

Given the unknowns that come with a young roster, Rock intends to do quite a bit of mixing and matching with lineup combinations a the start of the season.

"We expect to experiment a lot early to find our footing fast with games starting," he said

When he looks at the divisional race, Rock thinks there is a clear line of delineation.

"Our division is split between the top three and the bottom three," he said. "If you look at who is returning from the previous year, the top teams returned almost everyone.

"I do believe the bottom of our division got better and you never know. It could be a competitive conference between all teams."

Rock's hope is that his team will challenge for a spot in the top half of the standings.

"We are looking to take a step forward and compete with that top tier," he said. "I think all of our conference games will be a battle and if we don't come ready to play every night, the results are not going to be pretty."

WAYLAND

Experience and size will be strengths for Wayland this season.

The Wildcats have two four-year seniors in guard Tyler Pehrson and guard/forward Brady Perrin and two three-year juniors in guard Eli Warsen and Easton Williams.

And Perrin, Williams, second-year senior forward Deacon Sidebotham, first-year sophomore forward Nathan Ainsworth and first-year junior forward DeMarcus Billups all stand 6-foot-4 or taller.

Yep, experience and size.

"We hope this size and length will help us on the defense end and give us an edge when it comes to rebounding," Wayland coach Chris Jasinski said.

When it comes to shooting the ball, Jasinski is excited about what he's seen from Ainsworth, Perrin, Pehrson, Warson and first-year junior guard Brayden Calkins.

"Those guys are all above-average shooters from the perimeter, so we should be solid from that standpoint," Jasinski said.

Second-year senior forward Jack Lyons is the team's other returning player.

"We had a pretty solid summer competing and working out as a team, and hope to take that momentum into the season," Jasinski said.

That momentum should help the Wildcats as they make their way through a tough OK Gold schedule.

"The OK Gold ranks up there as one of the tougher conferences in the OK League," Jasinski said. "And our schedule and conference are always tough. But at the same time, we hope it prepares us for the postseason."

Jasinski expects Northview be to the top contender in the OK Gold.

"South Christian is always very good and seems to just reload talent," he said. "Wyoming will be quick and athletic. West Catholic has a new coach and a couple of new players that have transferred in."

Non-conference games for Wayland include Holland Christian, Forest Hills Northern and Hamilton.

NOTE: *No preview information was received from Fennville prior to deadline.*

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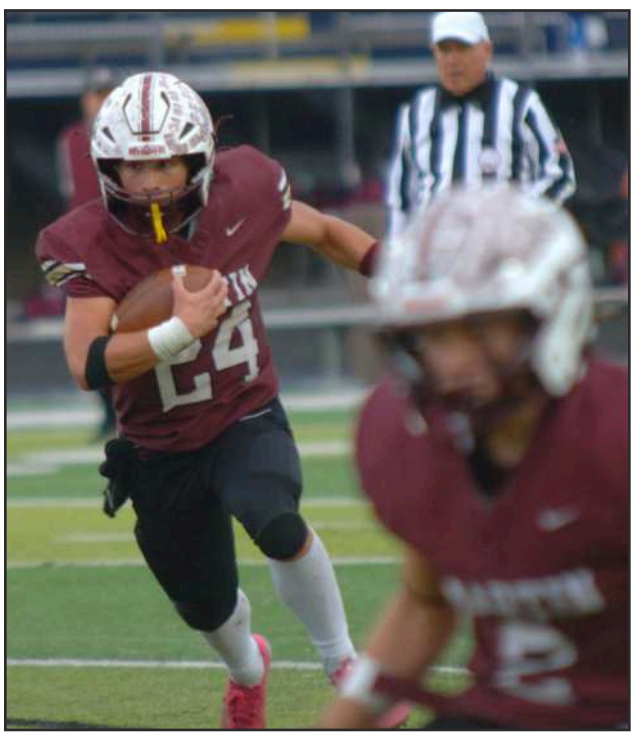
After one more first down—on a six-yard run from Toris coupled with a 5-yard run from Zaiden Buell—Martin put the game away with Haylen Buell taking a knee twice.

Haylen Buell finished with a team-best 125 rushing yards on 19 carries. He also went 4-of-6 passing for 50 yards.

Not a bad showing for someone who has been dealing with some injury issues.



Seth Toris scored two touchdowns in Martin's state semifinal win over Kingston. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

"He's playing hurt, obviously," Blauvelt said of Haylen Buell. "And we just nurse him back every week and then put him back in and he just wants to be on the field. He wants to compete. He's the ultimate competitor and we need him out there."

Toris finished with 108 yards on 13 carries.

Bryer Watson finished with two receptions for 15 yards, with Weson Elkins (20 yards) and Anderson Keeler (15 yards) each hauling in one pass.

Defensively, Haylen Buell led the way with 13 tackles and an interception. Isaac Suk was close behind with 12 tackles, while Toris had nine stops.

"Especially in the first half, it left like (Kingston) was really getting the better of us," Blauvelt said. "They had long drives and seemed to pick up decent yardage on every play. But then you look up and they'd only scored one touchdown.

"The thing is, (defensive coordinator) Coach (Keith) Snyder does an amazing job of putting together a game plan. He's phenomenal. So I had complete trust in him and the guys did what they had to do."

In the second half, Kingston had six possessions, which ended as follows: three times the Buccaneers turned the ball over on downs, twice Martin recorded an interception and once Kingston punted.

"Our defense has been strong all year and we were again today," Toris said. "We weren't as good as we wanted to be in the first half, but we all picked it up in the second half."

The improved play from Martin in the second half, according to Blauvelt, came down to the bond shared by the players.

"They care about each other," Blauvelt said. "I mean, that's kind of what we put on them in the locker room (at halftime). We've got a lot 11 seniors. We were like, 'Do you guys care about each other? Yes. Then let's go win a football game.' And they did."

The State Finals are scheduled for an 11 a.m. start time on Saturday, Nov. 22. Martin will face an 11-1 Blanchard Montabella team.

Sammy Gamboa (left) is one of two returning players for Saugatuck this season. (File photo)

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Theatre, comedy highlighted Allegan's weekend

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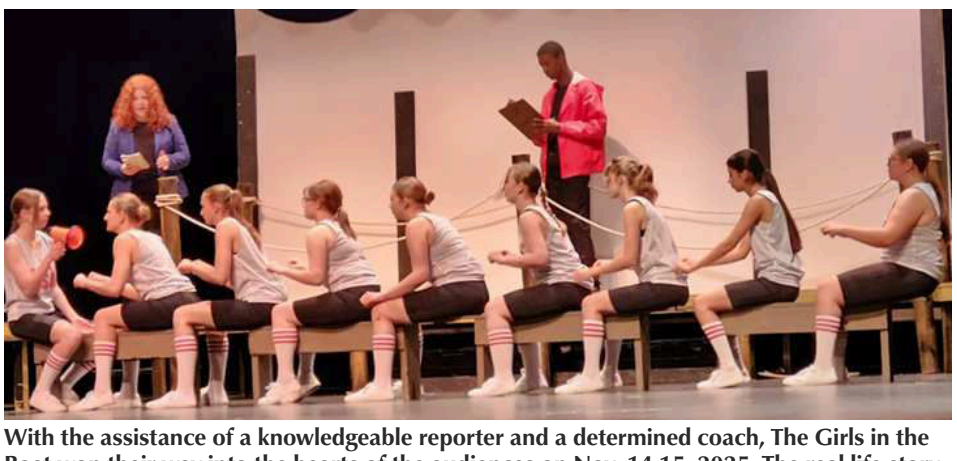

With the assistance of a knowledgeable reporter and a determined coach, The Girls in the Boat won their way into the hearts of the audiences on Nov. 14-15. 2025. The real life story of the U.S. Women's Olympic Rowing 8s filled the Allegan Performing Arts Center and brought memories of the pain and success as women broke into the realm of male-dominated sports. Photo: G. Voss

Girls in the Boat depicts women's fight for equal rights in sports

Allegan High School's theater production of *Girls in the Boat* by Alice Austen on Friday, November 14 and Saturday, November 15, 2025, took the audiences on a walk with the women's rowing team from the mid-1900s through their first acceptance as an Olympic contender at the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal, Canada, and on through the 2016 Rio Olympics.

These young women were tenacious in their fight against discrimination and prejudice because they desired to compete at the highest levels in the sport of rowing, which was considered a male arena.

The play delves not only into the frustrations tied to learning to work as a cohesive team, but into the fight to pass Title IX banning discrimination, and into the lives of the rowers as they attempted to complete their education and/or hold jobs while dedicating 30 hours a week to conditioning and practice.

The women's Coxed 8 was able to earn a bronze at the 1976 Olympics, but they were not satisfied. It was a difficult pull before they won their first gold at the 2008 Games in Beijing. They then dominated rowing in both the world competitions and Olympics through the 2012 Summer Olympics in London and the 2016 Summer Games in Rio which saw them taking their 4th Olympic gold in the eights.

Director Jennifer Sparks helped pull raw emotions from these young actors as they expressed their desire to be the best in their sport. Together, they bonded to achieve a common purpose. In the end, they overcame barriers of race and gender to become the winningest team in American sports history.

From cold locker rooms to the gold platform, these young women broke through societal norms and into the male-dominated sport using sheer will power. The production was guided with the assistance of the news reporter and a coach who did not give up on the athletes.

Utilizing simple staging and lighting, the Allegan thespians brought a poignant message – never give up and always aim for the gold.

Comedy invaded the Griswold Auditorium

With Katrina McEntee as the host for the evening, comedy came to the Griswold Auditorium stage as a trifecta. Jack Cuncannan, Brittany Devon, and headliner Alastair Watt kept the audience laughing on Friday, November 14, 2025. Stories of growing up, raising children, over-coming diversity brought smiles and guffaws from the audience.

The evening was billed as Alastair Watt – Small Town City Boy: A Pure Michigan Stand-Up Comedy. Except for a few "raw" moments, the message brought reactions of the understanding of life. Cuncannan can be found on select evenings at Sherwood's Cove on Brady Street. Devon is a Grand Rapids gal who grew up around polo ponies and went on to become an actress, comic and model with experience at Second City in Chicago, Black Box Meisner and viewpoints program then on to New York.

Watt loves bringing laughter to small towns, but he has been around. With a background at Second City, I.O. Chicago, The Annoyance, the Laugh Factory and a wide variety of comedy festivals, Watt has a feel for what will work. Using his focus on everyday experiences, his tales took the audience through parenthood, parental loss, social uncomforts, and more.

Those who purchased guest tickets were able to make their way over to Tantrick Down Under to enjoy refreshments and conversation with the comedians.

As Katrina opened the evening, she acknowledged how Allegan felt to a first-time visitor. "I want you to know how hospitable and welcoming Allegan feels," McEntee shared. "It just feels really good to have that when you come to a place you don't know and say that you are not from here. So, I just want to give Allegan a round of applause for being such kind, welcoming individuals."

That applause went through to the last stories and jokes as the audience gave the comedians a very warm rounds of approval.

Katrina McEntee, Jack Cuncannan, Brittany Devon, and headliner Alastair Watt brought down-home comedy to the Griswold Auditorium on Fri., Nov. 14, 2025, to the delight of the audience. Photos: G. Voss

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Hernan Campos, a single man
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Allied First Bank, SB DBA Servbank
Date of Mortgage: September 15, 2014
Date of Mortgage Recording: October 1, 2014
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $97,879.02
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Salem, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: The West 200 feet of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 21, Town 4 North, Range 13 West, Allegan County, State of Michigan.
Common street address (if any): 3043 140th Ave, Dorr, MI 49323-9531
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: October 30, 2025
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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Tomas Brvenik and Anne L Oxendine, husband and wife
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lake Michigan Credit Union
Date of Mortgage: November 12, 2020
Date of Mortgage Recording: December 8, 2020
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $209,899.29
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Saugatuck, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: That part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 22, Town 3 North, Range 16 West, described as: Beginning at a point on the West line of said Section which is South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 1130.35 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 154.05 feet; thence South 89 degrees 18 minutes 13 seconds East 198.00 feet along a line which is North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 25.00 feet from and parallel with the South line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 154.05 feet; thence North 89 degrees 18-minutes 13 seconds West 198.00 feet to the point of beginning. Saugatuck Township, Allegan County, Michigan.
Common street address (if any): 2955 66th St, Fennville, MI 49408-9642
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Hershel Baker and Sarah Baker, husband and wife
Original Mortgagee: Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a Subsidiary of IndyMac Bank, F.S.B.
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): GITSIT Solutions, LLC, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Separate Trustee of GV Trust 2025-1
Date of Mortgage: September 21, 2005
Date of Mortgage Recording: October 6, 2005
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $158,928.57
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Manlius, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 9, Retreat Subdivision, Manlius Township, Allegan County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded at Liber 6, Page 7, Allegan County Records.
Common street address (if any): 5386 Reveille Rd, Fennville, MI 49408-9590
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Gregory J Giniel II, married man
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Brighthouse Life Insurance Company
Date of Mortgage: October 17, 2022
Date of Mortgage Recording: November 1, 2022
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $1,237,730.85
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Casco, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lot(s) 13, 14, 15 and 16, Block 5, Plat of Beverly Beach, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 5 of Plats, Page 1
Common street address (if any): 7258 Beverly Dr, South Haven, MI 49090-8653
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Mathew W Prins and Melissa Prins, Husband and Wife
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc.
Date of Mortgage: January 5, 2015
Date of Mortgage Recording: January 8, 2015
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $108,666.84
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Heath, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing At A Point On The West Line Of P.M. Railroad Right Of Way, 52 Rods And 13 Feet South From North Township Line, Thence West 13 Rods And 14 Feet; Thence North 6 Rods And 13 Feet; Thence East To West Line Of Said P.M. Railroad Right Of Way, Thence Southeasterly Along The West Line Of Said Railroad Right Of Way To Place Of Beginning, Being Part Of The Northwest 1/4 Of Section 6, Town 3 North, Range 14 West.
Also, Commencing 759 Feet South Of The North Section And Township Line And The Westerly Line Of P.M. Railway, Thence West To A Point 285 Feet West Of The North And South 1/4 Line Of Section 6, Town 3 North, Range 14 West, Thence North 33 Feet; Thence East To The Westerly Line Of Said Pere Marquette Railway Right Of Way; Thence Southeasterly Along Said Line To Place Of Beginning, All In The Northwest 1/4 Of Section 6, Town 3 North, Range 14 West. Subject To Driveway Easement Set Forth In Deed Recorded In Liber 407, Page 81.
Together With Grant Of Easement For Ingress And Egress As Recorded In Liber 981 On Page 173.
Common street address (if any): 3570 Trackside Dr, Hamilton, MI 49419-9029
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
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This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: October 30, 2025
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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Christopher Castro, an unmarried man
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lake Michigan Credit Union
Date of Mortgage: March 8, 2022
Date of Mortgage Recording: March 10, 2022
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $282,698.18
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Wayland, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Unit 42 in the Wild Flower Ridge, according to the Master Deed thereof, as recorded in Liber 3364, Page 570, Allegan County Records, and any amendments thereto and designated as Allegan County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 284, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in said Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended
Common street address (if any): 835 Wild Flower Ct, Wayland, MI 49348-1480
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: November 6, 2025
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(11-13)(12-04)

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(11-13)(12-04)

TO ALL PERSONS, including: (specify non-custodial parent's name here, if applicable)
whose address is unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: Traylynn Marie Depweg-Strait, Marie Charlene Depweg has filed a petition for name change.
A name change hearing will be held on TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026 AT 9:30 AM at FAMILY COURT COURTROOM before Judge Hon. Jolene Clearwater P74848 , to change the name of:
Traylynn Marie Depweg-Strait to Traylynn Marie Strait
Maraya Charlene Depweg to Maraya Charlene Strait

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Michael Allen Hamstra, a single man
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Corporation
Date of Mortgage: May 13, 2022
Date of Mortgage Recording: May 20, 2022
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $494,840.96
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Overisel, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: THE NORTH 2 ACRES OF THE WEST 150 FEET OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 34, TOWN 4 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST.
Common street address (if any): 4050 138th Ave, Hamilton, MI 49419-9768
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Randy Kruisenga, a married man and Lisa Kruisenga, his wife
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Selene Finance, LP
Date of Mortgage: January 9, 2009
Date of Mortgage Recording: January 22, 2009
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $97,832.35
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Dorr, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 54, Hidden Forest Estates No. 2, Township of Dorr, Allegan County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 13 of Plats, on Page 27, Allegan County Records.
Common street address (if any): 1695 Karen Dr, Dorr, MI 49323-9440
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: November 20, 2025
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
48th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FAMILY DIVISION
Allegan COUNTY
FILE NO. 25-70541-AY
NOTICE OF HEARING TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS
In the matter of. Dehlylah Mae Blackwood, adoptee
TO:
Christoper Allen Blackwood
2884 Eastern Ave
Grand Rapids, MI 49508
TAKE NOTICE: On December 17, 2025 at 4:00 PM in the Probate courtroom Allegan County Courthouse - 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 before Jolene Clearwater P74848, Judge a hearing will be held on the PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS. The law provides that you should be notified of this hearing. If you fail to appear at this hearing YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS MAY BE TERMINATED.
If you choose to attend this hearing and you require special accommodations to use the court because of a disability or if you require a foreign language interpreter to help you fully participate in court proceedings, please contact the court immediately to make arrangements.
November 14, 2025
Brian E. Gordon P60432
146 Monroe Center NW, Suite 1225
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 272-3331
Jennifer Ann Karni
415 Mill St, Apt 4
Wayland, MI 49348
616.498.3729

STATE OF MICHIGAN
48th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FAMILY DIVISION
Allegan COUNTY
FILE NO. 25-70540-AY
NOTICE OF HEARING TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS
In the matter of. Hunter Allen Blackwood, adoptee
TO:
Christoper Allen Blackwood
2884 Eastern Ave
Grand Rapids, MI 49508
TAKE NOTICE: On December 17, 2025 at 4:00 PM in the Probate courtroom Allegan County Courthouse - 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 before Jolene Clearwater P74848, Judge a hearing will be held on the PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS. The law provides that you should be notified of this hearing. If you fail to appear at this hearing YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS MAY BE TERMINATED.
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ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS Trust
In the matter of the Thaxton Family Revocable Trust established October 28, 1998, restated October 21, 2013
Ronald Lee Thaxton was the surviving grantor of the Trust and his date of birth was April 10, 1928.
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Ronald Lee Thaxton, died October 28, 2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust will be forever barred unless presented to Anthony Severy Thaxton, Trustee, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
P. Haans Mulder P61842
321 Settlers Road
Holland, MI 49423
616-392-1821
Anthony Severy Thaxton
581 Crestview Street
Holland, MI 49423
616-283-0597

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Trust
Allegan
The Zoerhof Living Trust, under agreement dated January 8, 1991, as amended
Trust:
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Arla T. Zoerhof who lived at 3876 144th Ave., Hamilton, MI 49419, Michigan died 10/23/2025
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust will be forever barred unless presented to the Trustee, Shawn Schreur within 4 months from the date of publication of this notice.
11/11/2025
Blaque W. Hough P-47697
300 South State St., Ste. 11
Zeeland, MI 49464
(616) 212-9336
Shawn Schreur
4445 38th Street
Hamilton, MI 49419
616-218-4031

STATE OF MICHIGAN
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS Trust
In the matter of the Robert C. Norton and Virginia A. Norton Joint Living Trust dated September 18, 2025. Robert C. Norton was the grantor of the Trust and his date of birth was March 8, 1935.
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Robert C. Norton, died October 22, 2025
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust will be forever barred unless presented to Lisa A. Corbin, Co-Trustee, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
November 13, 2025
P. Haans Mulder P61842
321 Settlers Road
Holland, MI 49423
(616) 392-1821
Lisa A. Corbin, Co-Trustee
20 W 39th Street
Holland, MI 49423
(269) 806-3035

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
Estate of GEORGE MICHAEL GAMA
Date of Birth: June 18, 1965
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, GEORGE MICHAEL GAMA, who lived at 3324 Wesler Drive, Allegan, MI 49055, died on September 16, 2025. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to George Anthony Gama, Personal Representative of the ESTATE OF GEORGE MICHAEL GAMA, ALLEGAN COUNTY PROBATE COURT FILE #: 2025-65941-DE, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
Personal Representative: GEORGE ANTHONY GAMA
Address:
P.O. Box 1166
Goshen, IN 46526
Attorney: Oliver S. Howell (P64741)
Address:
Howell Parfet Schau
350 East Michigan Ave., Ste. 500
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007
kzoolawfirm.com
Telephone: (269) 382-5300
Court Address:

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CLASSIFIEDS

Help Wanted

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Allegan County Probate Court
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Allegan, MI 49010

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE 48TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT FOR ALLEGAN COUNTY
Hon. Matthew Antkoviak
File No. 25-71049-CZ
Martin Reed
Plaintiff,
Frank F. Manshaem & Betty J. Manshaem, & ANY UNKNOWN
HEIRS, DEVISES & ASSIGNS.
Defendants,

Martin Reed (P26028)
138 Hubbard St.
Allegan, MI 49010
269-673-8954

NOTICE OF HEARING
TO: Frank F. Manshaem & Betty J. Manshaem,
& ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES & ASSIGNS
Please be advised that on 10/31/2025, the clerk of the 48th Judicial Circuit entered a Default entry in this case. On Monday, December,8th, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., we shall appear before the Hon. Matthew Antkoviak, in the Circuit Court of Allegan County, located at 113 Chestnut St., Allegan, MI 49010, or before such other Judge who may be sitting in his place and stead, and present plaintiff's Motion for Entry of a Default Judgment the Court at that place and time. Copies of the Motion for Entry of Default Judgment and the proposed Judgment are on file with the clerk of the court.
November 6th, 2025
Martin Reed Attorney at Law
138 Hubbard St.
Allegan, MI 49010
269-673-8954

TO ALL PERSONS, including: (specify non-custodial parent's name here, if applicable)
whose address is unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: HAYDEN RHYSAND DINGUS has filed a petition for name change.
A name change hearing will be held on TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026 AT 10:00 AM at FAMILY COURT COURTROOM before Judge Hon. Jolene Clearwater P74848 , to change the name of: HAYDEN RHYSAND DINGUS to HAYDEN RHYSAND MARTIN

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ROBERT L. FULLER TRUST DATED MAY 5, 2023
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS, including creditors and heirs of the deceased, whose addresses are unknown and whose interests in the matter may be barred or affected by he following:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: the decedent, Robert L. Fuller, born April 13, 1935, died on August 30, 2025. Creditors of the Decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust will be forever barred unless presented to Garrett L. Fuller or Dana L. Switzer, Co-Trustees of The Robert L. Fuller Trust dated May 5, 2023, or to the attorney for the Trust within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.
November 12, 2025
Kelly J. M. Quardokus P48221
Q Elderlaw, PLC
1125 E. Milham Avenue, Suite A
Portage, MI 49002
Garrett L. Fuller, Co-Trustee
2809 Mount Olivet Road
Kalamazoo, MI 49004
Dana L. Switzer, Co-Trustee
10746 Summitt Tree Court
Charlotte, NC 28277

STATE OF MICHIGAN
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
48th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
ORDER REGARDING
ALTERNATE SERVICE
CASE NO. 2025-25153873-GZ and
JUDGE Hon. Matthew Antkoviak
Plaintiffs name, address, and telephone no.
MidFirst Bank
c/o Plaintiff's attorney
Plaintiff's attorney, bar 096 address, and telephone no.
Sogol 1. Plagany (P69690)
Orlans Law Group DLLC
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007
248-502-1359
v
Defendant's name, address, and telephone no.
Matthew M. Gallas, et al.
THE COURT FINDS:
1. Service of process upon the defendant, Matthew M. Gallas , cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105 and service of process may be made in a manner that is reasonably calculated to give the defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.
IT IS ORDERED:
2. Service of the Summons and complaint and a copy of this order shall be made by the following method(s).
a. First class mail to 3373 132nd Avenue, Hopkins, MI 49328
b. Tacking or firmly affixing to the door at 3373 132nd Avenue, Hopkins, MI 49328
d. Other: Publishing for three consecutive weeks in the Allegan County Legal News pursuant to MCR 2.106(D).
Matthew Antkoviak P-5944
11/3/2025
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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement
Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on December 18, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Richard Force, A Married Man
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC.
Date of Mortgage: October 24, 2014
Date of Mortgage Recording: October 30, 2014
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $92,690.45
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Watson, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: That part of the Northeast quarter of Section 26, Town 2 North, Range 12 West, described as:
Commencing at the East quarter corner of said Section 26; thence North 89 degrees 01 minutes 10 seconds West 1948.44 feet along the East-West quarter line to the point of beginning; thence North 00 degrees 04 minutes 44 seconds East 450.00 feet; thence North 62 degrees 09 minutes 20 seconds West 345.00 feet; thence South 02 degrees 52 minutes 38 seconds East 607.22 feet to the East-West quarter line; thence South 89 degrees 01 minutes 10 seconds East 274.00 feet, along said quarter line to the point of beginning.
Common street address (if any): 1477 115th Ave, Otsego, MI 49078-9719
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: November 20, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Timothy J Kelley, a married man and Linda Kelley, his wife
Original Mortgagee: Independent Mortgage Co. West MI
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): PHH Asset Services LLC
Date of Mortgage: October 23, 2006
Date of Mortgage Recording: October 31, 2006
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $104,263.72
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Overisel, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 9 of Reimink Plat No. 1 according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber/Instrument No. 7 of Plats, Page 69 of Allegan County Records.
Common street address (if any): 4785 Reimink St, Hamilton, MI 49419-9718
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
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CITY OF PLAINWELL

ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

PUBLIC NOTICE IS GIVEN that at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Plainwell held at City Hall on November 10, 2025, and beginning at 7:00pm, the City Council Adopted **Ordinance No. 404** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 53 "ZONING" OF THE CITY OF PLAINWELL CODE OF ORDINANCES; TO AMEND SEC. 53-3, PERTAINING TO DEFINITIONS; AND TO AMEND SEC. 53-195, PERTAINING TO ZONING COMPLIANCE PERMITS.

CITY OF PLAINWELL, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

Section 1. Amendment of Sec. 53-3. Sec. 53-3 of Chapter 53, "Zoning" of the City of Plainwell Code of Ordinances is amended to include the following definition, which is inserted in alphabetical order:

Zoning Administrator. The person, as delegated by the Building Inspector, designated to interpret, administer, and enforce the provisions of this Ordinance.

Zoning Compliance Permit. A permit signifying compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance as to use, activity, bulk, and density.

Section 2. Amendment of Sec. 53-195. Sec. 53.195 of Chapter 53, "Zoning" of the City of Plainwell Code of Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

Section 53-195. ZONING COMPLIANCE PERMITS

A. No permit or approval shall be issued by any municipal, county, state, official, or agency for any use, building, construction, work, alteration, addition, or improvement to land or land division until a Zoning Compliance Permit has been issued by the Zoning Administrator under the terms and provisions of this Ordinance.

B. Submittal Requirements. In order to facilitate administration of the conditions of this chapter, each application for a zoning compliance permit shall be accompanied by a sketch plan drawn to scale containing the following:

1. Lot dimensions;
2. Existing and proposed building/structure(s) dimensions;
3. Location and setbacks of existing and proposed building/structure(s);
4. Uses of existing and proposed building/structure(s);
5. Height of existing and proposed building/structure(s)
6. Front yard setbacks of neighboring properties principal buildings.

C. Standards and Conditions.

1. Before any Zoning Compliance Permit shall be issued, an application fee and any required escrow fees shall be paid. The amount of such fees and escrows shall be fixed by a schedule established by resolution of the City Council.
2. If the application is in conformity with the provisions of this Ordinance, the Zoning Administrator shall issue a Zoning Compliance Permit. If an application for such Permit is not approved, the Zoning Administrator shall state in writing the cause for such disapproval.
3. Time Limits.
   a. Any Zoning Compliance Permit issued under the provisions of this ordinance shall be valid only for a period of 1 year following the date of issuance thereof. Any project which has not substantially commenced within the one-year period may not be started or continued unless the permit is reissued or extended or a new Zoning Compliance Permit is issued.
   b. Accessory buildings and structures such as fences and small buildings under two hundred (200) square feet in area that have been issued a Zoning Compliance Permit under the provisions of this ordinance shall be valid only for a period of six (6) months following the date of issuance thereof. Any project which has not substantially commenced within the six-month period may not be started or continued unless the permit is reissued or extended or a new Zoning Compliance Permit is issued.
   c. Before voidance is actually declared, the Zoning Administrator shall notify the applicant of the pending voiding by sending a notice to the applicant in writing. The permit may be renewed or extended for not more than six (6) additional months upon request without payment of the additional fees, subject to the provisions of all ordinances in effect at the time of renewal.
4. The Zoning Administrator and/or Building Inspector shall inspect the site prior to the pouring of footings. The holder of every Zoning Compliance Permit for the construction, erection, alteration, repair, or moving of any building, structure, or part thereof shall notify the Zoning Administrator and/or the Building Inspector immediately upon completion of the work authorized by such permit for final inspection.
5. No building, structure, or use for which a land use permit has been issued shall be used or occupied until after a final inspection has been performed, which indicates that all the provisions of this Ordinance are met and a certificate of occupancy has been issued by the building official. The issuance of a certificate of occupancy shall in no case be construed as waiving any provisions of this Ordinance.
6. The Zoning Administrator shall have the power to revoke or cancel any Zoning Compliance Permit in case of failure or neglect to comply with any provisions of this Ordinance, or in the case of any false statement or misrepresentation made in the application. The owner or his agent shall be notified of such revocation in writing. Upon such revocation, all further construction activities and usage shall cease upon the site, other than for the purpose of correcting the violation or securing the site. Cancellation of a permit issued for a special land use, planned unit development, or variance shall not occur before a hearing by the body that granted the permit. The Zoning Administrator may issue a stop work order to halt all construction activities and usage pending a decision on revocation of said permit.
7. The Zoning Administrator may withhold any Zoning Compliance Permit pending verification that an applicant has received required city, county, state, or federal permits, including but not limited to, sanitary sewer and water tap-in permits, septic and water well permits, soil erosion and sedimentation control permits, wetlands permit, floodplain, culvert, driveway, or building permits. Likewise, wherever this Ordinance authorizes permit approval by the Planning Commission or City Council, the Planning Commission or City Council may condition final approval of the requested development activity upon the receipt of any of the above-mentioned city, county, state, or federal approvals and/or direct the Zoning Administrator not to issue a Zoning Compliance Permit until said permits from other agencies have been obtained.

Section 4. Repeal. Any existing ordinance or resolution that is inconsistent or conflicts with this Ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of any such conflict or inconsistency.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance is ordered to take effect eight (8) days following publication of adoption in *The Union Enterprise*, a newspaper having general circulation in the City, under the provisions of 2006 Public Act 110, except as may be extended under the provisions of such Act.

Public Notices

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in ALLEGAN County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on December 18, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by James R. Land and Nancy L. Land, husband and wife, whose address is 512 Lawrence Street, Otsego, Michigan 49078, as original Mortgagors, to Republic Bank, being a mortgage dated December 4, 1998, and recorded on December 9, 1998 in Liber 1796 Page 989. Said mortgage was modified by a loan modification agreement, recorded July 1, 2021, book 4640 page 57, Allegan County Records, State of Michigan and assigned by said mortgagee through mesne assignments to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated November 13, 2025 and recorded on November 14, 2025 in Liber 5087 Page 251, Allegan County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FORTY-TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY-TWO AND 50/100 DOLLARS ($42,792.50). Said premises are situated in the City of Otsego, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, and are described as: LOT 11 OF RIDGEBROOK SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 8 OF PLATS ON PAGE 19. Street Address: 512 Lawrence Street, Otsego, Michigan 49078 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Dated: November 20, 2025 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Robert A. Blumberg (P87490), Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 30 North LaSalle St., Suite 3650 Chicago, Illinois, 60602. Telephone: (312) 541-9710 File No.: MI 25 6820

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Peek at the Past

From the pages of The Allegan News and The Allegan County News and Gazette:

Nov. 20, 1950

Turkey farm operators get national recognition: An outstanding Allegan County farm operation will receive recognition this afternoon at one o'clock when Elgin and Edna Mae Brooks, operators of Sunshine Turkey Ranch near Ganges, are interviewed over radio station WLS, Chicago.

Art Page will conduct the interview on his "Dinner Bell" program.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks have one of the most compete turkey projects in the Midwest. In years of work, they have developed a special feeding program resulting in what many acclaim as "a most tasty, tender and juicy" turkey. Their methods of dressing the birds have also earned them a noteworthy reputation.

Orders are pouring in for their gift-packaged turkeys. Many manufacturing plants in the Midwest have placed orders for birds to be given to employees at holiday time. Individual orders now number in the thousands.

Nov. 20, 1975

Nurses conduct 'unofficial picket': As another step in their attempt to settle upon a contract with the county commissioners, the county health department registered nurses recently decided to try their case in the court of public opinion.

Last Wednesday while commissioners sat inside the County Building paying the bills, the nurses—with help from some friends in the county—passed flyers during a very "unofficial picket."

The effect on county residents is difficult to determine, but the effect the flier passers had on the commissioners, particularly the negotiating team, is quite simple—not much.

The next day, the nurses and the county team sat down in mediation and discussed a lot, but without reaching a settlement on anything.

Mediation was called for a second time Nov. 25, but before then, the nurses' representative, Bill Allen of the Michigan Nurses Association, said he will file for a fact-finding session.

Nov. 23, 2000

Alfieri's goal remains pro baseball: The life of a minor league baseball player is not one of glamour. Rather, theirs is an existence of long bus rides, cramped living quarters and, by and large, little pay as they fight to make it to the big leagues.

It's a life Fennville native Frank Alifieri, who recently completed his first full season of professional baseball, is now quite familiar.

"Adjusting to the lifestyle was tough at first," Alfieri said. "But I didn't have that many problems. When you choose this as your life, you know what the situation is and you get used to it."

But just as Alfieri's acclimation to minor-league living came rapidly, so, too, did his understanding of how fickle the business of professional sports can be.

Two weeks before spring training started last February, Alfieri, then property of the Houston Astros, was informed that he was going to be converted from third base to catcher. In order to allow him time to work on his new position, he was assigned to extended spring training rather than one of Houston's farm teams.

The new left Alfieri less than enthused.

"It's the worst kind of baseball ever," he said of extended spring training.

Nov. 19, 2020

MHSAA suspends all athletic activity: The start of the football season was delayed due concerns related to COVID-19.

Now the conclusion of the season is also being impacted by the virus.

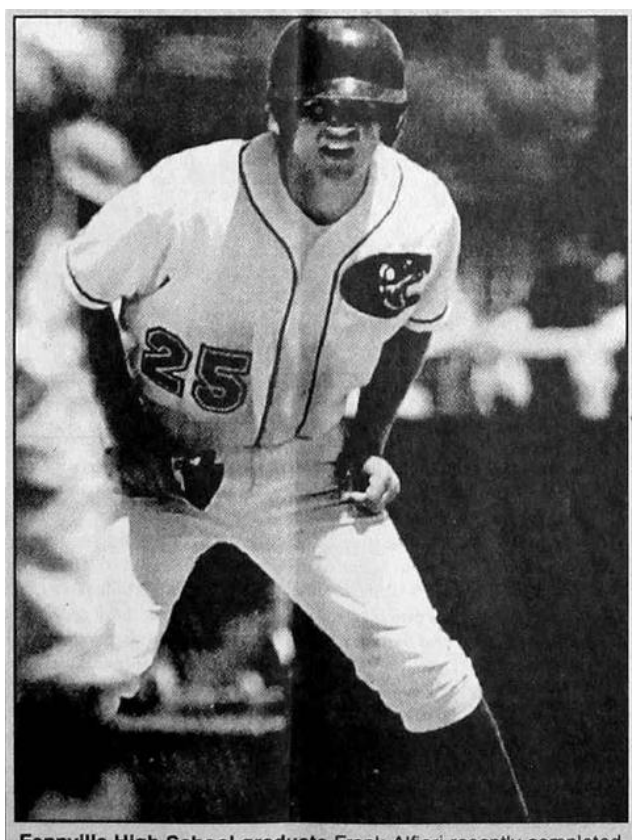
On Sunday, Nov. 15, Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced a three-week emergency order from the Department of Health and Human Services aimed at curbing the spread of COVID-19. The order included shutting down high schools and putting a temporary halt to athletic competitions beginning Wednesday, Nov. 18, through at least Tuesday, Dec. 8.

In response to the emergency order, the Michigan High School Athletic Association issued a statement saying it was immediately suspending the remaining tournaments for fall sports as well as all practices and competitions for winter sports.

The football playoffs have three weeks remaining in the 11-player tournament and two weeks remaining in the 8-player tournament. Martin is one of the eight remaining teams in the 8-player tournament, with the Clippers slated to take on Adrian Lenawee Christian in one of two Division 1 semifinals.

Last March, the Martin girls' basketball team was preparing for a regional final and the Martin boys' basketball team was preparing for a district final when the tournaments were suspended—and ultimately cancelled—due to the original COVID-19 outbreak.

"Life can really be unfair, but we will deal with it, get as much out of the situation as we can and move on," Martin athletic director Robert Vandenberg said. "Our basketball teams experienced a similar scenario last winter. We were devastated when our seasons came to an end, but our kids dealt with it, got as much as they were allowed out of the season and moved on.



Fennville High School graduate Frank Alfieri recently completed his first full year in professional baseball. Alfieri, seen here running the bases for the Canton Crocodiles of the independent Northern League, played for three organizations this season. (Photo provided)

"Our hope is our football team gets to play out their season and our winter sports will have a season. If not, we will deal with it and move on to the next phase of our lives. It's the only thing we can in a situation we have no control."

—Compiled by Jason Wesseldyk

County Treasurer Fred Edgerton gets an explanation on the current contract negotiations between the county and the public health department nurses. Explaining it to him is Liz Krause, assistant nurses' director, who faces a reduction in her pay by $1,000 a year. On the left is Gerta Detweiler, Allegan General Hospital nurse; an unidentified flyer passer; and Carrie Mulder, also an Allegan General Hospital nurse. The majority of the leaflet passers were at the County Building while the commissioners met inside last Wednesday.

—News & Gazette photo

Deaths

Sept. 23, 2025

ROSE MAE VANREGENMORTER, 54, Trowbridge Twp.

Oct. 25, 2025

BELINDA KAY SHERMAN, 73, Douglas

Oct. 29, 2025

EDWIN GLEN HAYES, 72, Holland

Oct. 30, 2025

LYNDA LOU PETTY, 76, Saugatuck Twp.

MICHAEL EUGENE COLLINS, 68, Ganges Twp.

Oct. 31, 2025

SANDRA ANN KAY, 89, Watson Twp.

Nov. 2, 2025

ROY CHARLES BELLINGER, 86, Otsego Twp.

Nov. 4, 2025

HILLECHIEN SUZENAAR, 94, Laketwon Twp.

Nov. 5, 2025

SHIRLEY KAY HUIZINGA, 78, Holland

Marriages

The following people applied for a marriage license between Nov. 4 and Nov. 12:

MICHAEL PAUL GREEN, Allegan, and **HEATHER LYNN HILLMAN**, Grand junction

JENNIFER LYNN BAILEY, Allegan, and **JACOB LEE WAHLSTROM**, Allegan

CHARLES CHRISTIAN VERLEY, holland, and **DESTINY LOVE CONDE**, Holland

AIDAN RYAN JAMES COUTTS, Dorr, and **ELLERY MARIE LAMER**, Dorr

CHRISTOPHER DAVID WHEELER, Allegan, and **ERIKA LYNN PETERSON**, Allegan

KASSADI SUE COLLIER, Otsego, and **GAVIN LANE GOUKER**, Otsego

NICHOLE PIKACHU PRESTON, Wayland, and **CRAIG JOHNATHON WILLIAMS**, Wayland

ALYSHA MAE HUTTA, Holland, and **GERARDO SALAZAR ALEXANDER**, Mexico

BENJAMIN COLE ROBERTS, Allegan, and **STEPHANIE LYNN AINSWORTH**, Dorr

RYAN ALLEN WENTZEL, Allegan, and **CARLA JEAN BENSON**, Hamilton

SUDOKU

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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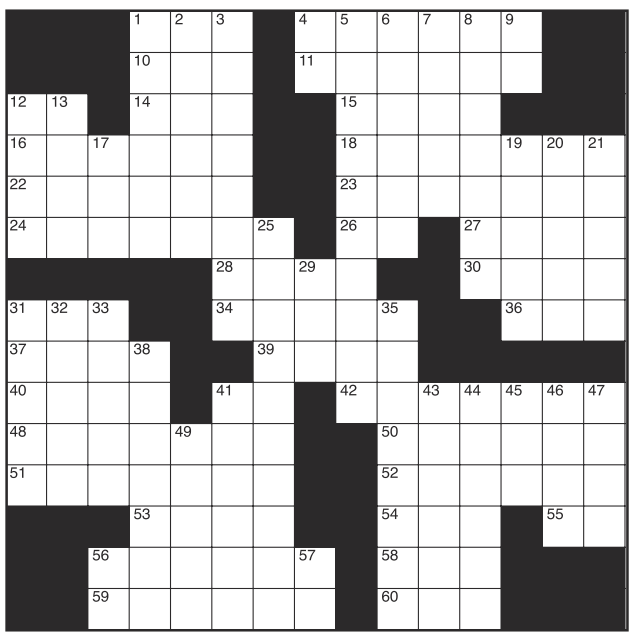
Crossword



CLUES ACROSS

1. Popular broadcast network
4. Train line
10. Go quickly
11. Straightforward
12. Canadian province
14. Swiss river
15. It can be straight or curved
16. Edit
18. Utter repeatedly
22. Gotten up
23. Sea vessel
24. Agents of one's demise
26. Not out
27. Something to scratch
28. A round water pot
30. Slang for cylindrical green fruit
31. Promotions
34. Masses of matter
36. Soviet Socialist Republic
37. Nightstand item
39. The content of cognition
40. Arab ruler
41. Northern U.S. state
42. Chewed in small bites
48. Hawaiian island
50. More thin
51. Of one
52. Rigid bracelet or anklet
53. Barbary sheep
54. Not even
55. Atomic #106
56. Haggle
58. Boxing's GOAT
59. Division of a group into opposing factions
60. Vietnamese offensive

CLUES DOWN

1. Horse-drawn carriage
2. Prejudices
3. Peacefully
4. University athletic official
5. Soldiers
6. Large mollusk
7. Take out again
8. Sour or bitter in taste
9. Songwriter Tunstall
12. Husk of wheat
13. Flexible covering in some birds
17. Energy
19. Night monkey genus
20. Small nails
21. Colorless volatile liquid
25. In a way, changes integrity
29. Mark Wahlberg's stuffed animal
31. Remember it
32. 'Good Will Hunting' lead man
33. Pleasant facial expression
35. Sea vessel
38. Lacking poetic beauty
41. Tall, swift and slender dog
43. Sports personality Michelle
44. Robber
45. Liquefied natural gas
46. Snakelike fish
47. Sediment at bottom of a liquid
49. Crimean seaport
56. Bad grades
57. Popular S. Korean rapper

RELIGION SECTION

Outside of the four Gospels, there is no book for which I have more appreciation than the Epistle of St. James. Some scholars believe he was the younger brother of Jesus; others have their doubts. I don't think it is truly important. What I find important is that he takes the message of love from Jesus and then explains how to do it; how to put love into action.

That is important for us to review and do throughout the year, but never as much as during these last two months.

When Jesus spoke of loving others as we love ourselves and caring for those who are on the fringes of society and often left out, James pushes even harder. His message is 'put your faith into action,' because faith without action does not accomplish very much.

We know that right now, many people are financially strapped. Even when the government shut down comes to an end, it is predicted that the SNAP benefits will not instantly be restored. It will take days, perhaps even weeks before that is resolved. Additionally, we know that the price of groceries and utilities have continued to increase, and people are struggling. We know that because of the international tariffs and rising transportation costs, clothing is more expensive. On the other side of the equation, wages have not increased. Health care and medical insurance premiums are on the rise. Making matters worse is the fear the economy might falter.

It is James, the practical practicing Christian, who makes it clear that we must put more effort into making sure no one is left out.

There is something else. Ever since the Great Shut Down during the Covid epidemic, we have become increasingly isolated. In very practical terms, it means that this Thanksgiving, people may have food on the table but not enjoy the feast of human companionship.

Perhaps you remember Dickens' *A Christmas Carol.* For his entire life, Scrooge had only been interested in himself and the accumulation of money. He could not see the privations of people on his own doorstep and refused to help. Only after the visitation of the three ghosts did he find redemption when he realized that his real business was not acquiring money but that humanity was his first and real business.

To full the commands of Jesus, we must do all within our power to care for the whole person.

G C Stoppel
Priest Associate
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd,
Allegan, MI

Directory of Area Churches

Allegan Assembly of God
424 DeLano St, Allegan
Pastors Tim Heath & Paul Hays
Church: 673-6577

Allegan Bible Church
412 S. Sherman, Allegan
Pastor Jon Gruss
Church: 673-6831

Allegan Christian Center
700 Ely St., Allegan
Paul Knuckles, Pastor
Church: 673-2921

Allegan County Jail
Chaplain Sarah Montgomery
Phone: 673-0350

Allegan United Methodist Church
Corner Walnut & Trowbridge streets, Allegan
Pastor Julia Humenik
Church: 673-4236;

At the Master's Feet
814 21st St., Otsego
269-694-6897
Paster Ray Brown

Blessed Sacrament Church
110 N. Cedar Street, Allegan
Fr. Simon Manjooran
Church: 673-4455

Bloomingdale Bible Church
210 Chestnut at Pine NW
Bloomin gdale
Ofc. 269-427-2101

Bravo Community Church
5587 113th Ave., Fennville
Pastor Duane Terpstra
616-886-1214

Burnips United Methodist
4241 30th, Burnips
Craig VanBeek, Pastor
616-896-8410

Calvary Church of Wayland (IFCA)
304 S. Main Street, Wayland
Pastor Chad Peckham
ccwayland.org

Casco United Methodist Church
880 66th Street, South Haven
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
269-227-3328
www.cascoumc.org

Chicora Country Chapel
4399 108th Ave., Allegan
Pastor Herb Curry
Phone: 269-370-5834

Christ Community Church
3370 113th Ave., Allegan
www.alleganccc.org ·
(269) 673-2329
Pastor Wally Coots

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
687 Linn Street, Allegan
Church: 673-9617

Church of God - Otsego
112 Kalamazoo St., Otsego
Pastor Stephen Burrow Sr.
269-694-9481
www.otsegocog.com

Corner Bible Church
4001 124th Allegan
673-5995
www.cornerbiblechurch.com

CrossWind Community Church
1632 142nd Avenue
Dorr, MI 49323
616-359-9013
Pastor Tommy Boutell

Dunningville Reformed Church
2559 M-40, Allegan
Church: 751-5894
Pastor Eric Burrows-Stone
dunningville.org/index.html

East Martin Christian Reformed Church
510-118th Ave., Martin
269-672-5746
www.eastmartincrc.org

Epiphany Lutheran Church (LCMS)
4219 Parklane, Dorr
www.epiphanydorr.org
Sunday service at 9:15 a.m., Bible Study and Sunday School following

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
101 North Walnut St, Allegan
Office: 673-2254

Faith Baptist Church
2846 125th Ave., Allegan
John Looman, Pastor
673-5040 1-888-354-3272

Fennville Assembly of God
5897 124th Ave.
Fennville, MI 49408
269-561-2683

Fennville United Methodist Church
5849 124th St., Fennville
269-561-5048
Bob Lynch, Pastor
www.fennvilleumc.org

First Presbyterian Church
200 Cutler Street, Allegan
Church: 673-4631
www.fpcallegan.org
10:00 service time.

First Baptist Church
1290 32nd St., Allegan
Service at 10:00am
Pastors Nathan Smith & Brendon Bayley
www.fbcallegan.com

First Baptist Church of Otsego
247 E Allegan St., Otsego
(269) 694-4160
firstbaptist@fbcotsego.org

First Church of God
1313 Marshall Street, Allegan
269 673-3881
www.pathtohim.org
Pastor, Tim Secord

First Congregational Church
323 Cutler Street, Allegan
Church Office: 673-3139
Pastor Todd Wagner

First Congregational Church
120 W. Morrell St., Otsego
269-694-6085
Pastor Lenny Luchetti

First Presbyterian Church of Plainwell
303 East Bridge St.
Plainwell, MI 49080
685-5990

Friendship Bible Church
104 Baker St., Hopkins, MI
Pastor Chris Cronk and Worship Pastor Tony Caldarona
Office 793-7929

Ganges Baptist Church
6577 122nd Avenue, Fennville
269-543-4203
11AM each Sunday

Ganges United Methodist Church
2218 68th St
Fennville MI 49408
Phone 269-543-3581
Lay Minister - Marcia A. Tucker

Grace Church of Hamilton
3690 Lincoln Rd. P.o. Box 97
Hamilton Mi 49419
269.264.4900
Gracechurchofhamilton@gmail.com

Hope Lutheran Church
290 12th St., Plainwell
(269) 685-1348
Pastor Nicole Smith
Worship 10:30am; S. School 9:15am

Hopkins Community Reformed Church
2142 128th Ave., Hopkins
(269) 793-7361
hopkinscommunitychurch.net

Hopkins United Methodist Church
322 N. Maple St., Hopkins
(269) 793-7323
Pastor Kelsey French

Horseshoe Community Bible Church
4950 104th Avenue, Grand Junction
269-521-4580 ·
Pastor Don Miller

Immanuel Lutheran Church
631 Grand Street, Allegan
Church: 673-3335
Rev. Christopher Laughlin

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness
2199 Taft Road, Allegan
Phone: 673-6179

Living Waters Community Church
5458 M-89, Fennville
Service: 10:30 Sundays
Pastor Andrew Leach
269-561-5277

Martin Reformed Church
1073 W. Allegan St., Martin
Pastor: Matthew Hendricks
672-5596

Martin United Methodist Church
969 E. Allegan St., Martin
Pastor Margaret Stoken
269-672-7097
www.martinumc.org

Merson Church
3313 102nd Ave., Gobles, MI
Office: 673-5274
www.mersonchurch.org

Montage Ministries
"A Community in Worship"
Griswold Auditorium
Tuesdays 6:30-8:00pm

Monterey Center United Methodist Church
3022 130th Ave.
Monterey Center, 49328
Craig VanBeek, Pastor
793-7288

Mt. Calvary M.B. Church
5425 105th Ave., Pullman
Pastor Everett Belue
269-382-3405

New Hope Baptist Church
2011 Lincoln Road (M-40 N)
Pastor Tadd Butler
673-1938

Northbridge Church
8824 Douglas, Kalamazoo
269-385-4378 ·
www.northbridge.cc

Northpoint Ministries
04077 M40 (M40/CR390)
Gobles MI · 269.628.9199
Pastor Gary Lounsberry
Sunday Worship: 11am

OAKLAND CRC
4460 38th Street
Hamilton. Mi. 49419
616 688 5290
Pastor Mark Vande Zande

Otsego United Methodist Church
223 E Allegan St. Otsego MI
10:00 a.m. Worship
Reverend Dan Minor
Otsegomethodistchurch.org

Pathfinder North Church
(A Global Methodist Church)
532 M 89, Otsego, MI 49078
9:30 Fellowship 10:00 Worship
Rev Ron Hansen
Pathfindernorth.com

Peace Lutheran Church
805 S. Wilmott St., Otsego
www.peaceotsego.com
694-6104

Pearl United Methodist Church
1689 56th St., Fennville
269-561-5048 Worship 9:30 am
Bob Lynch, Pastor
www.fennvilleumc.org

Pentecostal Church of God I.M
2281 57th St, Fennville
Wed/Miércoles @ 7:00 pm
Sunday/Domingo @ 10:00 am
Worship Service @ 11:00am
Rev. Jeremias & Maribel Gaytan
231) 923-6887 - (231) 923-6959
Email: gytnj@yahoo.com

Plainwell Church of Christ
911 James St.
Plainwell, Michigan 49080

Plainwell First Baptist Church
404 W. Bridge St., Plainwell
(269) 685-8888
Pastor George Osborn

Plainwell First United Methodist Church
200 Park St. Plainwell
269-685-5113
www.fumcplainwell.com

Rectify Church
247 N. Main St., Allegan
616-218-1556
Pastor Sarah Montgomery

Redemption Place Church of God
1900 M-40, Allegan
Pastor Deborah Lesher
Church: 269-355-1167

Refreshing Springs Ministries
201 Briggs St., Allegan
616-510-7416
Pastor Adrian Hall

River of Life Church
605 W. Allegan, Otsego
269-672-9904
www.alleganchurch.com

Seventh Day Adventist Church
229 Cutler Street, Allegan
Dan Rachor, Pastor
Church: 673-3284

Shelbyville United Methodist Church
938 124th Ave., Shelbyville
672-7097 - Church office
Pastor Margaret Stoken

South Monterey United Methodist Church
Pastor Kelsey French
Church: 793-7323

St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church
11850 9 Mile Rd., Shelbyville
269-664-4345
Service: Sundays 9:30 am

Saint John's Church Of God In Christ
716 Academy St, Allegan
Rev. Jeremiah Johnson Sr.
Phone: 673-8590—673-3007

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
1764 34th St., Allegan
Pastor Ronald Kruse 673-2079
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

St. Margaret's Catholic Church
766 S. Farmer St., Otsego
269-694-6311

Third Coast Community Church
www.thirdcoastff.org |
269.857.5633
6069 Blue Star Hwy, Saugatuck, MI 49453
Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Trowbridge Community Church
355 26th Street, Otsego
Pastor Mykel Hall, Pastor
Church: 673-5502

Unity Baptist Church
35 14 12th St. Wayland
Pastor Kelly Ryan
Cell # (269) 330-2217

Watson Bible Church
1626 116th St., Otsego
Pastor Tim Morris
672-2166

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